THE WEATHER.

Partly cloudy and warmer Sunday; Monday fair and colder; moderate southwest winds becoming northwest.

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ADVERTISING.

What would this city be like without its stores? What would this newspaper be like without its store-ads? One would be about as interesting as the other.

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FUNDS TO FIGHT THE STEEL TRUST

Officers of American Federation of Labor Issues Call to Members.

GOMPERS' BITTER CHARGES

Corporation is Termed "A Bold and Daring Violator of the Law"—Attitude Toward Labor Cause of Action.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Officers of the American Federation of Labor tonight issued a call to the 1,540,000 members of the organization calling on them to subscribe to a fund with which a bitter fight is to be begun against the United States Steel Corporation.

The corporation, the call sets forth, is inimical alike to the interests of labor and to the country at large, and it is termed "a bold and daring violator of the laws." The sum of $154,000 will be raised by this first appeal, but further calls will be issued as the fight progresses.

This action was taken as the result of the conference held in Pittsburg on December 13th and 14th, between the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers, the Tin Plate Workers' Protective Association, and the Longshore Men's and Seamen's Union. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, was present at the meeting.

In his statement Mr. Gompers, in unsparing language, assails the so-called "steel trust" for its aggressions on labor and charges it with conspiring against production, against preventing an unmanopulated market and striving for the elimination of a free press. He also charges that the corporation pays dividends on many millions of watered stock, and that its financial methods are corrupt and undefensible.

But, President Gompers continues, "the crowning criminality" of the trust is its attitude toward labor. He especially arraigns the so-called profit sharing plan by which the company gives its employes an opportunity to obtain an interest in the vast business.

This plan, Mr. Gompers contends, is a transparent deceit through which a small minority of its employes are sought to be bribed to help in daily sweating the vast majority.

The labor leader furthermore intimates that these profit sharing employes are carefully selected and that they are in nearly every case men who are given to discouraging the agitation of their fellows for better living and working conditions.

The steel corporation at Christmas was reported to having given away $1,000,000 in gifts to its employes and to have offered both the common and preferred steel shares to those who cared to invest in them at a little lower than the market quotations.

EGAN BEST GOLF PLAYER.

Foremost Among Amateurs in United States—Sixteen Next in Rank.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—H. Chandler Egan, of Chicago, is the foremost amateur golf player of the United States for 1909, according to the rating now made public by the leading golf authorities of the East. A ranking of the 16 best golfers of 1909 made by Hugh L. Fitzpatrick, recognized as the dean of American golf reporters, who has prepared the ratings for several years, was made public today.

The rating follows: H. Chandler Egan, Chicago; W. J. Travis, New York; Charles Evans, Jr., Chicago; Robert Gardner, Chicago; Albert Sechel, Chicago; J. D. Travers, New York; Mason Phelps, Chicago; W. C. Fownes, Jr., Pittsburg; Fred Hereshoff, New York; H. G. Legg, Minneapolis; Findlay S. Douglas, New York; Thomas M. Sherman, Utica; H. H. Wilder, Boston; P. W. Whittemore, Boston; H. B. MacFarland, Philadelphia, and Paul Hunter, Chicago.

RIVER VESSELS IN DANGER.

Fear That Gorges in Mississippi Will Fear That Gorges in Ohio Will Break. Cables Used.

and every type and kind of craft on the Ohio river in the vicinity of Louisville, representing a value of hundreds of thousands of dollars are in danger today. Practically all of the boats have been fastened by means of cables or otherwise anchored, but it is the prediction of experienced river men that if the gorges break quickly the trees will be uprooted or the cables snapped.

SWANSON'S LAST LEVEE.

Governor of Virginia Greeted Officials and Visitors.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 1.—Governor Swanson and Mrs. Swanson tonight held their last levee in the executive mansion. Justices of the State courts, Confederate veterans and State officials were in the line of visitors.

This, however, is not the Governor's last public social function, as in a few days he will give a reception to the members of his staff and their wives.

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EARLY ACTION ON HARBOR BILL

Congressman Godwin Advised January 10th is Limit—Stewart Case Again. Endowment For Buie's Creek. Dunn News Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Dunn, N. C., Jan. 1.—Representative Godwin, who is at home for the holidays, has received a letter from a friend who is on the Rivers and Harbors Committee of the House stating that before the committee adjourned for the holidays it was decided that the committee would have no more public hearings after January 10th, 1910, and that it would begin on the 11th to hold daily meetings to make up the Rivers and Harbors Bill, and that the bill would be made up ready to be presented and passed by the House not later than February 1st.

Mr. Godwin is much interested in the Rivers and Harbors work of his district and has on hand some very important projects which he confidently expects to put through the present session of Congress. He informed your correspondent this morning that he is desirous to have the officials of the Waterways Associations, Industrial Clubs and Boards of Trade take active notice of this early hearing by the Rivers and Harbors Committee and arrange to send delegates to Washington in the interest of the Cape Fear projects, both below and above Wilmington, prior to the 10th of January 1910. Mr. Godwin will leave for Washington within the next day or two, and will be there to arrange for hearings that may be desired at any time after Congress convenes on the 4th of January.

Mr. J. H. Ballance has purchased the C. B. Aycock residence on Cumberland street and has presented it to his niece, Mrs. John C. Wilson, as a Christmas gift, making a present valued at about $4,000.

In the case of Mrs. Rebecca Stewart, widow of W. A. Stewart, vs. H. C. McNeill, Ex'r., the Clerk of the Superior Court of Harnett county on last Monday handed down an order refusing to remove Mr. McNeill but requiring him to give a bond in the sum of $50,000 which is double the amount of the funds in the hands of the clerk. Both sides appealed from this ruling. Thereafter Mr. McNeill prepared a bond in the sum of $50,000 which was justified for $61,000, executed by himself and the following sureties: J. J. Wade, J. G. Layton, R. G. Taylor, G. F. Pope, J. H. Ballance, G. K. Grantham, J. D. Barnes, J. W. Draughton, J. H. Pope, N. A. Townsend, R. L. Godwin, J. C. Clifford and H. L. Godwin. This bond is estimated to be worth in the aggregate over half a million dollars. The bond was tendered to the Clerk on last Wednesday and was adjudged by the Clerk to be amply solvent and in all respects sufficient, but he declined to pay over the money to Mr. McNeill pending the appeal of both sides which will likely be heard next week.

On the 18th of December Mr. M. C. Treat, of Washington, Pa., offered Rev. J. A. Campbell, superintendent of Buie's Creek Academy, $1,000 to be used for the purpose of erecting a dormitory conditioned that Mr. Campbell raise $3,000 from other sources for the same purpose by 10 P. M. on Christmas day, Mr. Campbell asked for more time in which to raise the required amount, but Mr. Treat informed him that five days were enough for a man f his activity, and by 10 o'clock Christmas night $3,220 more than the amount required was in Mr Campbell's hands, and the $1,000 from the Northern philanthropist was secured.

Mr. W. T. Honeycutt died Friday morning at 11:30 A. M. after having suffered for a year or more with tuberculosis. Mr. Honeycutt was formerly cashier of the Bank of Cape Fear of this place, and for a number of years plor to his death was identified with the business life of the town. He leaves a wife and two small children. His wife is the daughter of Sheriff McPhail, of Sampson county.

Mr. T. J. Jackson, the new postmaster at this place, having given his bond, took charge of the office today.

BROKAW DECLARES HE'S POOR

Announcement of Defendant Caused Laugh in Court Room.

New York, Jan. 1.—"I am a poor man." was the announcement made by W. Gould Brokaw, on the witness stand at Mineola today.

Brokaw's assertion caused a general smile in the court room. A moment previously he had testified that he was worth $1,638,37, the amount given in the formal statement of his resources ubmitted to the court which has been trying his wife's suit for a separation.

The hearing today was for the purpose of receiving this statement which the court had ordered in view of Mrs. Brokaw of Mrs. Brokaw's alimony demands.

It is generally believed that only the question of alimony remains a factor in the case, on which Justice Putnam is expected to give his final decision after he has scanned the briefs of the attorneys to be submitted within the next two weeks.

ARGUMENT OVER N. & S.

To Delay Confirmation of Receiver's Sale Concluded Yesterday.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 1.—Argument of the injunction proceedings brought by the Zell-VanDyke Syndicate to delay confirmation of the receiver's sale of the Norfolk & Southern Railway was concluded in the United States District Court here today.

Judge Waddill announced that he would give his decision sitting in Norfolk January 12th.

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YEAR'S PROGRESS IN NORTH STATE

Fine Showing of Industrial Conditions in 1909 Reflected in Reports.

RAILROADS AND COTTON MILLS

Banking Interests Have Grown Largely—Manufacturing Interests Have Not Suffered—New Lines BBeing Built and Projected.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 1.—A showing of industrial conditions in North Carolina highly gratifying is reflected in the Department of State, the Corporation Commission and the Department of Labor and Printing here, these being the State offices into which come during the year reports from corporations and industries, generally indicating the commercial progress of the State.

The records in the office of the Secretary of State show that during the past twelve months there have been issued 978 charters to new industrial corporations, 542 of this number having been granted within the past six months. There were charters for 26 new cotton mill corporations and the reports of the cotton mills generally throughout the State to the Department of Labor and Printing show a reasonably good year in spite of unfavorable conditions against which the cotton milling interests of the whole country were pitted during the greater part of the year.

Another inspiring showing for the commercial progress of the State is found in the office of the Corporation Commission in the development of the banking interests. One year ago there were 306 State and savings banks with $47,915,076 resources and the growth has been to 319 banks with $50,944,062. Then the National banking interests show an increase from 69 to 75 banking institutions in the State with resources increased from $44,645,064 to $53,051,880.

The quarterly reports of the railroads of the State, the great arteries of commerce, to the Corporation Commission have shown steady gains in net earnings each quarter, the steady increase in volume of freight traffic and passenger travel being an unfailing barometer of business development and prosperity.

Reverting to the cotton milling interests, which represent probably more than one-third of the entire manufacturing capital of the State, it is significant that this year 314 mills have reported to the State Department of Labor and Printing, 65 of the number being knitting mills, and the increase in working capital has been $51,000,000. The reports of 223 of these mills show a consumption of raw material aggregating 271,206,624 pounds of cotton and wool. There are 81 of the mills that did not include raw material used in their reports.

The past year has been characterized by important advances in railroading in every section of the State, especially in the opening up of new lines by a number of the larger systems. The year has seen the opening of the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio so that there is through train service in conjunction with the Seaboard Air Line, Wilmington to Johnson City, Tenn.

The Norfolk & Southern is just completing its five mile trestle across Albemarle Sound that assures through train service from Raleigh to Norfolk over the Norfolk & Southern, via Washington and Edenton.

The Elkin & Allegheny is building rapidly from Elkin to Sparta, the progress the past several months having been quite rapid.

The Southbound, Winston-Salem to Monroe, backed now by the Norfolk & Western and the Atlantic Coast Line, has been reorganized for the most rapid possible progress in construction during the past few months.

The Virginia, Carolina and Southern has completed an extension from Lumberton to Hope Mills.

The Raleigh & Southport has under way an extension of its Raleigh-Fayetteville line to Hope Mills looking to ultimate through train service Raleigh to Georgetown.

At Zoeren, on the Murphy branch, the Southern Railway has constructed seven miles of road out to the Cherokee Indian school.

Engineering corps have made extensive surveys for the projected road from Holly Springs to Raleigh that is designed to give Raleigh direct connection with the Atlantic Coast Line at Rocky Mount.

The Carolina, Tennessee Southern has constructed 14 miles of road from Bushville to Eagle Creek lacking only a very short distance now of connecting with the Southern beyond the mountain to provide a through line to Knoxville, Tenn.

The North & South Carolina Co. has built during the year from Gibson to McCall connecting for Dillon, S. C.

The Laurinburg & Southern has constructed ten miles of road to Raeford that promises to be an important link in that section of the State.

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WAR CONTINUES IN NICARAGUA

Last Vestige of Zelayanism Will be Blotted Out of Government.

NEED TWO MORE BATTLES

Feeling of Gratitude Toward United States For Aid to Suffering—Insurgent Forces Are Disappointed.

Bluefields, Nic., Jan. 1.—Hope that the war would be brought to an end through the recognition of the provisional government by the United States has been abandoned. Many believe that two more battles must be fought, one in the State of Chontales and the other near Managua.

There is a popular feeling of gratitude toward the United States because of the attention given the wounded by physicians from the American cruisers and the supplies sent for the relief of the half starved prisoners of war. There is, however, some disappointment that the United States has not formally recognized the government of Estrada.

The impression was strong that Secretary Knox awaited only a decisive victory by General Estrada before giving him the moral support of the Washington government. Such a victory was won more than a week ago and still no encouraging word is received from Washington. A defeat in battle could not depress the insurgents more than has the fact that Washington has lost interest, seemingly, in the cause of the revolution.

If another battle is fought, it is likely that no less than 12,000 men will be engaged. Preparations for the campaign in the west continue. The next ten days will be devoted to securing more rifles with a view to equiping 2,000 additional soldiers. This will bring the provisional strength up to 6,000 men. A schooner has been sent to Cape Gracias and will bring here horses and mules to be used on the long march toward Managua.

The insurgent generals have signed a solemn pact to the effect that they will stand as a unit with Estrada until the last vestige of Zelayaism is blotted out of the government of Nicaragua.

The peace commissioners which President Madriz announced that he was sending to negotiate with Estrada have not arrived.

The American gunboat Eagle has gone to Bocas del Toro to make observations. The British cruiser Scylla, which brought a duplicate of the letter sent by Madriz to Estrada on December 22nd, also has departed from this port.

CHALLENGED THOMAS WATSON.

Extended by Protestant Churches of Georgia for Public Debate.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 1.—Thomas E. Watson, one time candidate for the presidency and recently a critic in the public print of foreign missions, today was challenged to a public debate by representatives of the various Protestant churches of Georgia. The challengers want the debate to be held in Atlanta, January 14th, and have named as Watson's opponent William T. Ellis, a Philadelphia newspaper man identified with the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

JOSEPH A. PARKER PASSES.

Prominent and Wealthy Citizen of Portsmouth, Va.—Served in War.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 1.—Joseph A. Parker, of Portsmouth, prominent and wealthy, died today at his home in that city, aged 68 years. He served with distinction in the Confederate army and engaged actively in business in Tidewater, Va., for many years, both as a merchant and manufacturer.

OUTLINES.

Further information of the horrible conditions which existed in the Atlanta stockade were told by a former overseer, who produced a diary of the startling events in the prison, before the investigating committee yesterday.——W. Gould Brokaw caused a general laugh in the court room at Mineola yesterday when he testified that he was a poor man——President and Mrs. Taft gave their first New Year's levee at the White House yesterday and over 5,000 visitors were greeted by the President and his Cabinet——Hope for the end of the war in Nicaragua has been abandoned. Preparations are being made for two more battles. The insurgent forces are disappointed in the fact that the United States recognized the provisional government——A thrilling sea disaster in which 12 members of the crew of the British schooner Johanna lost their lives on Thanksgiving Day, is told by survivors who were rescued by a steamer——The first Norfolk & Southern train passed over the newly completed bridge over Albemarle Sound last night——The National Farmers' Union will wage an organized and determined fight against the methods in dealing in cotton in vogue on the New York Cotton Exchange.

PRISONERS LIVED LIFE OF HORROR

Former Overseer of Atlanta Stockade Tells of Conditions.

WAS OVERRUN WITH VERMIN

Food Was Unfit for Lowest Animals—Witness Produced Diary Covering Events—Corroborates Stories of Brutality.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 1.—John W. Dodd, former overseer at the city prison or stockade, was the principal witness heard by the council committee investigating conditions at the stockade, when that body resumed its sessions today.

In addition to corroborating the stories of cruelty to prisoners and filthy and unsanitary condition as told by other prisoners, he produced a diary covering events which transpired while he was employed at the stockade.

Dodd testified that the food served the prisoners was unfit even for the lowest kind of animals. Prisoners frequently brought him bread containing flies, he said, and one man brought him a piece of bread containing a spider. He declared the place was overrun with vermin of all kinds. He produced a bottle of lice which he said a prisoner had captured and brought to him. The bread with the spider in it also was offered as evidence.

Asked what proportion of the prisoners were whipped, Dodd replied: "I heard them whipped nearly every morning. Some times there were two or three whipped and again there would be as many as half a dozen beaten." The witness stated that he kept a diary because he thought the people of Atlanta were ignorant of conditions at the city prison and he intended to make it public at a later date.

Pearl Bryan, one of the three white women, who was hung up by the rings while at the stockade, also was a witness. She said she was strung up nearly 45 minutes and was taken down when they saw blood running down her arms.

Dr. W. W. McAfee, who was sentenced to the stockade for violation of the prohibition laws, also testified before the committee at today's session. Among other things he testified to seeing a 13 year old negro girl whipped in the bucking chair. After the first they took her out in an hysterical condition and when she made some remark to the guard, Superintendent Vining ordered her back again for another whipping.

He said the child was so small that she slipped her arms down through the machine and tried to take some of the blows on her hands. When finally she was taken out her hands were raw and blood was oozing through her clothes. The doctor stated that she was sent to the field to work in this condition.

The witness said he could not eat the food served at the stockade and went two days without a mouthful of food. He declared the punishment inflicted by suspending prisoners from the rings in the walls "the most cruel brutal and inhuman punishment" he could conceive of.

After adjourning shortly after 1 o'clock to meet again next Tuesday morning the committee paid a visit of inspection to the stockade.

MORSE STILL HAS HOPE.

Counsel for Convicted Banker Will Continue the Fight.

New York, Jan. 1.—Charles W. Morse, the former banker, passed New Year's quietly in his cell in the Tombs today. Mr. Morse's visitors declared that the prisoner was facing calmly the prospect of his early removal to the Federal prison at Atlanta to begin serving his 15-year sentence on conviction of violation of the National banking laws.

The Federal authorities announced that it was proposed to start the convicted banker on his journey south some time on Sunday.

All hope of freeing Charles W. Morse, the convicted banker, has not yet been given up, according to Martin W. Littleton, his counsel.

"There are two or three things that can yet be done," said Mr. Littleton today, "but they have not quite shaped themselves yet."

Mr. Littleton when pressed, admitted, however, that he will not interfere with Morse's removal to Atlanta.

Mrs. Morse and her two sons visited the banker in his cell today, and brought with them a New Year's dinner, which the family ate together. Morse has surprised his keepers by his nerve. Today he appeared buoyant and much less concerned about his future than his lawyer and his friends.

FIVE INJURED IN WRECK.

Head-on Collision Between Two Interurban Cars at Terre Haute.

Greenfield, Ind., Jan. 1.—Five persons were seriously injured, two probably fatally, in a head-on collision between two limited interurban cars on the Terre Haute, Indianapolis & Eastern Line at Philadelphia, four miles west of here late today.

TWELVE MEN OF CREW LOST

Grim Sea Tragedy Told by Rescued Captain of British Schooner—Occurred in November—Details of the Disaster.

New York, Jan. 1.—Such are the fortunes of those who go down to the sea, that twelve men who were lost on Thanksgiving Day, when the British schooner Johanna went down not 150 miles from the Delaware Breakwater, were not even known to be missing until the survivors were brought to port here today from St. Thomas, Danish West Indies, by the steamer Korono.

"The Johanna was bound for the Breakwater from the Philippines for orders," said Capt. C. A. Nickerson today. "When she became unseaworthy in howling weather, two life boats were put out—one with thirteen men aboard, of which I took command, and the other with twelve men. There was a howling wind, a blanket of driving scud over the face of the sky and a gray, mountainous sea. My boat was put out last. From moment to moment we saw the other boat heave up against the sky line on the crest of a wave, and then, presently, we saw her no more.

"We were picked up by the Nova Scotian schooner E. A. Sabean and carried to the West Indies. I hoped the others might be equally fortunate but, since you tell me nothing has been heard of them in all this time, they must undoubtedly have been lost."

It was 5 o'clock in the morning of Thanksgiving day that the ship's carpenter reported that the ship's port seams were opening up fast. All hands were ordered to the pumps. The men heaved like rowers at the pump arms, but no water came. For a moment the captain was puzzled, and then he remembered his cargo—the Johanna was laden with sugar.

It was clear enough what was happening. Down in the ship's hold, the sugar bags were swelling to the bursting point with sea-water and as they burst, they filled the hold with a thick treacle that clogged the pumps.

With the pumps disabled, the fate of the schooner was foregone.

AFFAIRS AT GOLDSBORO

Colored Training School—New Year. Condition of Mr. Dortch.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Goldsboro, N. C., Jan. 1.—Prof. W. C. Chance, principal of Higgs Industrial Institute, at Parmele, N. C., is in the city looking after the interest of that institution, which opened October 12th last, and has for its purpose the industrial and domestic training of the colored race in this and adjoining States. Although established only a short time ago, the school has met with wonderful success and has large enrollment, with many applications now on file.

The usual demonstrations of screaming whistles and tolling bells marked the dying of the old year last night. And the beauties of the world—the stars—looking withery in their dazzling and varying colors, together with the beautiful blaze of the rising moon, gave a most picturesque effect to the last scenes of the old y ar as it lay dying.

Reports from St. Luke's hospital in Richmond, Va., are to the effect that Mr. William Dortch, of this city, who was operated upon in that hospital for appendicitis, has successfully rounded the danger point. His condition at one period was reported as critical. The young man is a student at Chapel Hill and is very popular in this city, where he has many friends, who are greatly rejoiced to learn that he passed through the ordeal safely.

AFTER WOULD-BE ASSASSIN.

John Armstrong Chaloner Offers Reward—Attempt Upon His Life.

Denver, Colo., Jan. 1.—John Armstrong Chaloner, former husband of the novelist Amelie Rivers, now Princess Troubetskoy, has written Chief of Police Armstrong, of this city, asking that he give aid in capturing the man who attempted to assassinate Chaloner at his country home, near Cobham, Va., on last Thanksgiving Day.

Chaloner writes that he has information that the would-be murderer is a foreigner and that he is at present employed as a coal miner in this State. Chaloner offers the man a reward of $1,000 if he will divulge the name of the person who according to Chaloner's letter hired him to take Chaloner's life. Chaloner is a member of the Astor family and is a millionaire.

CLYDE LINER IS DISABLED.

Apache is Towing the Algonquin—Reported by Wireless.

New York, Jan. 1.—The Clyde Line steamer Apache bound from Jacksonville and Charleston for New York, was reported by wireless telegraph at 8 P. M., 200 miles south of Scotland lightship with the steamer Algonquin of the same line, in tow, the Algonquin having become disabled.

The latter steamer left Boston December 29th for Charleston and Jacksonville, and Galveston.

Roanoke, Va., Jan. 1.—Dr. W. L. Nolin, a prominent surgeon of Salem, Va., died suddenly there at 12 o'clock tonight of heart failure. He was 44 years old and was well known in Tennessee, having lived 27 years at Chattanooga before coming to Salem three years ago.

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NEW YEAR LEVEE AT WHITE HOUSE

President Taft and Cabinet Greeted Thousands of Visitors.

GAY AND IMPRESSIVE SCENE

Government Officials, Ambassadors, Congressmen and Poor and Humble Passed in Review—Received Taft Smile.

Washington, Jan. 1.—President and Mrs. Taft held their first New Year's levee at the White House today. Although Mrs. Taft has not yet regained her full strength and seemed rather pale in a gown of white silk, she carried out her original intention of remaining in the receiving line until all of the members of the Cabinet circle, the foreign Ambassadors, Ministers and members of their households and the justices of the Supreme Court had paid their respects.

At the end of 20 minutes, Mrs. Taft retired. The Vice President and all of the members of the Cabinet with the exception of Secretary of State Knox and Secretary of War Dickinson, remained in the receiving party until the last of the general public had passed.

The reception began promptly at 11 A. M. and ended at 1:55 P. M., when the White House doors were closed. In the two hours and 55 minutes that he held his position at the portal of the far famed Blue Room, President Taft shook hands with exactly 5,575 persons. This number fell considerably short of the figures during the last years of the Roosevelt administration. The day overhead was well nigh ideal, but melting snow made conditions underfoot anything but desirable. The line of citizens began to form, however, at 10:30 A. M., although they were not scheduled to enter the White House grounds until 1 o'clock.

President Taft began and ended the reception with a smile. For his personal friends among the diplomats, the government officials and members of the army and navy contingents, Mr. Taft had hearty words of greeting. Occasionally a citizen had a word to say to the President and the latter listened attentively until his aide hurried the visitor along to make room for the crowds in the rear. The President stood the ordeal splendidly. The average time of passing was 40 people to the minute. Although he gave each a strong clasp, the President declared he felt no fatigue. The standing in one position so long, however, made him declare that he felt almost as though he would have to learn to walk all over again.

Although the usual precautions were taken the reception passed off without incident.

The diplomatic display this year rivalled any in the past. Practically every member of the corps was in the city and each ambassador and minister was attended by a brilliantly uniformed staff of aides and secretaries. The new Chinese minister and his staff, in heavily embroidered robes and hats, attracted the usual amount of attention.

The marine band rendered music during the reception. The band was divided into two sections and when one air was finished by one section a new tune was begun by the other section.

The President's reception at the White House today took on a new interest, as it was the first public reception planned for the administration of Mr. Taft.

The White House doors swung open to all the world and during the appointed hours for the reception of citizens, the poor and humble passed in review and received the clasp of the chief executive on equal footing with the richest of the community.

Some idea of the magnitude to which the New Year's reception at the White House has grown can be had from the fact that President Roosevelt, during the last two or three years of his term, attained a high water mark of shaking hands with more than 8,000 men and women.

The early period of the reception was made gay and impressive as usual today by the appearance of the diplomats in the full dress uniforms of their rank and distinction in the countries from which they are accredited. This year there were many new faces in the diplomatic line which was headed by Baron des Planches, the Italian ambassador, dean of the corps in Washington.

President Taft's military and naval aides did much of the planning for the reception and took their places along the receiving line to help facilitate the handling of the guests. The introductions were made by Colonel Cosby, of the army, Major Domo, of the White House, assisted by Captain Butt, and Lieutenant Comm. [illegible] Palmer.

The White House today was elaborately decorated with cut and growing flowers and during the reception the marine band played patriotic airs.

During the diplomatic portion of the reception the greatest interest was attracted to the four young daughters of the new Chinese minister, who, in Oriental robes of white, and pink ribbons on their dark hair, added a most picturesque tinge to the scene.

Speaker Cannon was half an hour

late in reaching the White House and had to go through the line long after the other members of Congress had had their inning. Representative Murdock, of Kansas, one of the insurgent leaders of the House, got a most cordial reception from the President. So did Gifford Pinchot, government forester. Secretary of State Knox and Secretary of War Dickinson were not present, both being absent from the city. Four trumpeters of the marine band sounded four flourishes as the President and Mrs. Taft came to take their places in the Blue Room promptly at 11 o'clock. Mrs. Taft looked a trifle pale in a gown of white silk. She was most gracious in her greetings as long as she remained in the line.

The delegation of army officers was headed by General Nelson A. Miles, retired, and General J. Franklin Bell, chief of staff. Admiral Leutze, in command of the Washington navy yard, led the naval contingent. Admiral Dewey did not attend.

HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS

North Carolina Alive to Situation at National Capital.

(Special to Gazette-News.)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 1—The North Carolina delegation will make an effort to get the usual appropriations for the improvement of the Cape Fear and other streams in the State. The thirty-foot project for Wilmington is one that will be pressed, and an additional appropriation for the completion of the inland waterway between Adams Creek, above Beaufort, to Norfolk, will also be urged. Senator Simmons induced the last Congress to provide for a survey of the harbor of refuge at Cape Lookout, and a report on this project will soon be made to Congress by the Secretary of War. It is believed that this report will be favorable and if this is true, it is possible that an appropriation for completing this project may be obtained at this session. Nearly all the shipping interests in the United States have urged the improvement of the harbor at Lookout, and it will have the support of prominent members of Congress from other States. Lookout offers a fine opportunity for a splendid deep water harbor. A depth of more than 30 feet can be obtained, which will accommodate the very largest ocean-going vessels.

VESSELS MAY BE LOST.

Schooners Wyoming and Camp Are Missing—Christmas Day Storm.

Norfolk, Jan. 1.—Much apprehension is felt for some vessels which were bound either to or from Hampton Roads in the storm of Christmas Day which have not since been heard from.

One of these is the six masted schooner Wyoming from Bath, Me., to Hampton Roads and another is the H. W. Camp from Boston. Both sailed on December 14th, light.

Great anxiety is felt for the schooner George P. Hudson which sailed for Boston from Norfolk on December 23rd with coal. The Hudson sailed with the Nettie Champion, which was wrecked.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 1.—The George P. Hudson reported missing at Norfolk, was sighted badly damaged off Five Fathom lightship Wednesday by the steamed Katahdin which arrived here yesterday. She declined assistance, but asked to be reported. The schooner Wyoming, which was on her maiden trip, is the largest wooden sailing vessel in the world.

GAMBLERS DISAPPOINTED

Sheriff Interfered With Chicagoans at Clarks Station.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—More than 600 Chicagoans journeyed to the Old Dearborn Park pool room at Clarks Station, Ind., today, believing that everything had been arranged for an auspicious re-opening of the gambling "stockade" but they returned tonight disappointed.

The crowd of gamblers left the cars shortly after noon at the Clarks Station resort to find operators on hand and entries of races at the various tracks in operation posted on bulletin boards. No odds, however, were posted. Soon after the arrival of the Chicago crowd the result of the first race at Jacksonville, Fla., won by Snow Ball, was posted on the bulletin board. This was the signal for the real opening.

Bet were laid on other races, but before another race result was announced Sheriff Drant appeared with a force of deputies. There were no demonstrations. The manager announced to the crowd that operations was suspended.

STATUTE OF ROBT. E. LEE

Resolutions Denouncing Placing of Same in the Hall of Fame.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—Resolutions denouncing the placing of a statue of General Robert E. Lee in the hall of fame at Washington as "against public policy, against the fundamental principles of our republic and against the honor and integrity of the veterans, who nobly gave up life and home to preserve the country Robert E. Lee attempted to destroy," were adopted at a meeting of Chicago posts of the Grand Army of the Republic here today.

The subject came up at a camp fire meeting addressed by General Frederick Dent Grant and others. General Grant took no part in the discussion of the resolutions.

BIG LOSS OF TOBACCO

Customs Stores Burned in Egypt—Loss is Over a Million.

Alexandria, Egypt, Jan. 1.—The customs tobacco stores containing tobacco to the value of nearly $5,000,000 was gutted by fire today. Firemen, assisted by 200 sailors from the German cruiser Freya, succeeded in saving the greater part of the tobacco. The loss is estimated at $1,500,000.

At Muncie, Ind., it is reported that Big Four train No. 18, the Knickerbocker limited, was wrecked near Ansonia, Ohio., last night. Details of the wreck have not been learned here.

Passenger Accommodations.

On account of the heavy travel incident to the holidays, the Atlantic Coast Line passenger traffic officials have arranged for an extra sleeping car for the accommodation of its patrons, leaving WHmington tonight on train No. 42 at 7 P. M. Reservations can be had by telephoning 1294.

"KEEP THE RECORD STRAIGHT."

Robesonian Calls Attention to Railroad Meeting No. 2.

The Lumberton Robesonian, in its issue of Thursday, says editorially:

"We call to the attention of The Morning Star and The Whiteville News-Reporter the fact that a meeting was held in Lumberton on Tuesday night, the 21st inst., at which time it was most definitely decided that Lumberton should have nothing to do with ex-Sheriff McLeod's proposition to oppose the bond issue in Bladen county. Our only object in calling attention to this is a desire to see that the record is kept straight and to see that the people of Lumberton are not misrepresented in this matter. At a meeting held on the Friday night prior to this later meeting it seemed that so much of the people of the town as were represented by the people in attendance—and it was a fairly representative meeting—were going to endorse Sheriff McLeod's proposition and a committee was appointed to draw up resolutions. The result of this meeting was fully reported in the next issue of The Robesonian, and a report of it was sent to The Star giving the impression that the people of Lumberton were behind the opposition. But "Look you, now what follows": When the meeting was held on the evening of the 21st, the entire matter fell flat and it was the sense of the meeting that while Lumberton would naturally like to see a road built from Lumberton to Elizabethtown, it was not any of the business of the people of this town to meddle in a bond election to be held in Bladen county. If any report of that meeting was sent to The Star we have failed to see it, and so the impression given by the report of the first meeting, so far as The Star is concerned, has been allowed to stand. The News-Reporter makes mention of the first meeting, but does not mention the later meeting.

"This is said merely in the interest of fairness to the people of Lumberton. And we respectfully submit that The Star and The News-Reporter, having mentioned the first meeting, which left the impression that the people of Lumberton were enthusiastic for the proposed road to Elizabethtown, should make mention of the meeting which followed—really and adjourned meeting—when another representative body of the citizens of Lumberton decided not to take any action at all. In fairness to Lumberton The Star and The News-Reporter will, we feel sure, give the other side of this matter. If one meeting was an item of news worth handling in their columns, then surely the other was."

THE CONWAY BANKS.

Three New Corporations Formed for Financial Interests There.

Conway, Jan. 1.—Foremost among the business changes which will take place in Conway early in the new year will be the conversion of the Bank of Conway into three new corporations, viz: First National Bank of Conway, the Conway Savings Bank, and the Kinston Hotel Company.

Charters for each of these new corporations have been applied for and it is stated upon reliable authority that all will be ready for business on or before the first of next February.

The capital of the National Bank will be $25,000; of the Savings Bank $10,000; and of the Hotel Company $15,000, comprising the present $50,000 capital stock of the Bank of Conway.

The present bank building, the Kingston Hotel building, and all of the real estate now owned by the Bank of Conway, and valued at about $20,000 will be taken over by the newly organized Kingston Hotel Co., and will be conducted as a separate proposition.

The Conway Savings Bank will handle all accounts in the savings department, and through its Trust Co., features will take care of all the real estate loans—the National Bank not being allowed to lend money on real estate. The general banking business will be conducted through the National Bank.

TO USE ELECTRIC POWER.

Hydro Development Around Charlotte and What it is Doing.

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 1.—The influence of the mammoth hydro-electric development of this section is being shown more and more by the industries that use large and small amounts of power. As an instance, the Monroe Cotton Mills, of Monroe, has decided to abandon the steam drive and use electric power altogether. It has contracted with the Southern Power Company of this city for the power, of which about 640 horsepower will be used.

The new plant of the Greers Manufacturing Company, at Greers, S. C., will be operated entirely by electricity. A representative of the company was in the city this week and closed a contract with the Southern Power Company for 600 horsepower.

NEBRASKA SALOONS CLOSED.

Early Closing Knocks Them Out in City of Omaha.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 1.—Nearly one-fifth of the saloons in Omaha closed permanently at midnight last night as a result of the law passed by the late Democratic legislature compelling all the saloons in the State to close at 8 o'clock in the evening. The law, which has been in operation six months, proved disastrous to the majority of the saloons, especially in the larger cities. As a result many of them decided to quit business with the expiration of their licenses the first of the year.

Mrs. Anne Speer, mother of Judge Emery Speer, and niece of Wm. R. King, of Alabama, former vice president of United States died at Athens, Ga., yesterday. She was 83 years old. Mrs. Speer was the widow of Eustace W. Speer and the mother of Miss Laura Speer.

A Traveling Salesman.

H. F. Beers, 617 7th Ave. Peoria, Ill., writes: "I have been troubled for some time with kidney trouble, so severely at times I could scarcely carry my grips. After using one bottle of Foleys' Kidney Pills I have been entirely relieved, and cheerfully recommend them to all." Foley's Kidney Pills are healing and antiseptic and will restore health and strength. Robt. R. Bellamy.

VIRGINIA TOWN FIRE SWEPT.

Six Buildings Destroyed at Holland and Fire Still Raging.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 2.—The town of Holland, on the Southern Railway five miles southwest from Suffolk, is threatened almost complete destruction by fire at an early hour this mornin. Six or eight buildings in the business section were burned and the fire is still raging with only a bucket brigade of volunteers to fight the flames.

A heavy wind is blowing from the southwest and the only hope of saving the entire business district is to check the fire at the Southern Railway where there is an open space. Whether the conflagration can be checked there, it was stated over the telephone from Suffolk this morning, depended largely upon the wind.

At 1:30 o'clock this morning damage amounting to $25,000 of $30,000 had been done, consisting entirely of business houses and their contents. The residential section will probably escape.

The fire originated in Daughtrey's peanut warehouse and was discovered at 9:30 o'clock. Help was requested from the Suffolk fire department but owing to the fact that Holland has no water works the engines could not be used there.

Both telegraph and telephone communication had been cut off by 12 o'clock and it is impossible to get further details.

The latest message received here was from the Southern Railway operator saying that it looked as if the station would be burned.

No casualties were reported up to the time Holland was isolated from the outside.

FUNERAL OF JUDGE BYNUM

Remains of Late Jurist Laid to Rest at Charlotte.

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 1.—The remains of ex-Judge William Preston Bynum were laid to rest this morning at Elmwood cemetery, after the solemn and sad ceremony had been performed at 11 o'clock at St. Peter's Episcopal church, on North Tryon street, by the rector, Rev. Harris Mallinckrodt, assisted by Rt. Rev. Joseph B. Cheshire, of Raleigh, bishop of the diocese of North Carolina, Archdeacon E. A. Osborne and Rev., Francis M. Osborne.

The active pall-bearers were Judge W. A. Hoke, of Lincolnton, Messrs. E. D. Latta, J. F. Orr, H. W. Harris, C. W. Tillett, J. S. Myers, G. E. Wilson and Col. W. S. Pearson; honorary, ex-Judge A. Burwell, ex-Judge F. I. Osborne, Dr. M. A. Bland and Mr. Frank Gilreath.

THE SWITCHMEN'S STRIKE.

Will Spread Unless Differences Are Adjusted at Conference.

Washington, Jan. 1.—"If an amicable adjustment of the differences between the Northwestern railroads and the switchmen is not reached through the mediation conference here the strike will spread and probably 20,000 men will become involved," declared H. B. Perham, head of the railway department of the American Federation of Labor, today.

"This increase will not lie among the switchmen alone but will come from other organizations like the freight handlers, the boiler makers and such affiliated associations. The switchmen are for peace if possible but are determined on a general strike if these plans for mediation fail."

PROHIBITION IN WINSTON

Decreased Number of Arrests and Less Lawlessness.

Winston-Salem., N. C., Jan. 1.—There was a total decrease of 428 cases in the recorder's court during 1909 as compared with the year 1908. In 1908, there were 2,538 cases and in 1909, 2,109. The decrease is accounted for by prohibition. The number of cases for drunkenness have fallen off over 100 per cent., but at the same time the cases for selling liquor have increased in about the same ratio. No serious crimes were committed and most of the cases were for minor offenses.

PENNSYLVANIA TRAINS.

Service Between New York and Pittsburg Being Improved.

New York, Jan. 1.—The Pennsylvanit Railroad Company added five new trains between Pittsburg and New York today. All the trains in a measure will be controlled by the government, as they will carry principally the mails.

The placing of these trains in service will result in the promotion of a number of trainmen. Practically all of the trainmen laid off in 1907 have been reinstated.

JACKIES CHAMPION GAME.

Football Teams Played in New York. Nebraska the Winner.

New York, Jan. 1.—The football teams of the United States battleship Missouri and Nebraska neither of which had been scored upon in the season's series of inter-warship games met at the American League Baseball Park this afternoon to decide the naval gridiron championship, and Missouri was "shown" the pain of a whitewash—28 to 0.

MAYOR GAYNOR INSTALLED

Chief Executive of New York City. Previously Took Oath of Office.

New York, Jan. 1.—William J. Gaynor was installed as Mayor of New York City today. The former judge had previously taken the oath of office and the ceremony of installation was of the simplest character.

Nevertheless there was a throng as big as the mayor's office could conveniently accommodate.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Brigadier General Daniel H. Rucker, retired, the oldest officer in the United States army is very ill at his home here. The general is in his 90th year, and because of his advanced age, little hope is held out for his recovery. Tonight he is just about holding his own.

Rev. I. W. William Testifies.

Rev. I. W. Williams, Huntington, W. Va., writes us as follows: "This is to certify that I used Foleys' Kidney Remedy for nervous exhaustion and kidney trouble and am free to say that Foley's Kidney Remedy will do all that you claim for it." Robt. R. Bellamy.

WARM WIRELETS.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 1.—The Vanderbilt University basket ball team defeated the Birmingham Athletic Club here tonight by a score of 50 to 30. The visitors showed superior form all through the game.

Philippopolis, Bulgaria, Jan. 1.—Eastern Rumelia has been swept by the most disastrous flood in 50 years and the whole plain resembles a vast lake. Many persons are reported drowned.

Death Certificates For Dogs.

The veterinarian was bandaging the leg of a French poodle when the telephone rang, so he asked the visitor to take the message.

"Please tell the doctor," said a woman at the other end of the wire, "that King Charles is dead and we would like a death certificate right away."

The visitor transmitted the news of royalty demise, then added something about the "tomfoolery of getting a death certificate for a dog."

"It may be tomfoolery," said the veterinarian, "but a lot of people with pet cats and dogs are guilty of it. If a real King Charles was dead and I was making out a certificate to file with the board of health I should take no more pains than I shall for that family that has lost a dog. His age and the date of death will be recorded, and the disease that carried him off will be described in detail. Of course the owners of valuable animals are most likely to ask for death certificates, but very often the possessor of an ugly little cur that has crept into his affections wants one too."—New York Sun.

How to Hit.

With one swift, straight right to the jaw the little man had knocked the big, fat bully out completely. Now he was boasting modestly about the matter.

"I learned how to hit," he said, "from Gentleman Jim Corbett. Gentleman Jim claims that in street fighting if you land one clean right you win. But few men know how to hit out straight and clean. They swing. And a swing is no good because it can so easily be dodged.

"To hit out with the right straight and swift—this is how Jim taught me to do it. You step forward with your left foot toward the enemy. You hit straight out with your right arm as hard as you can, at the same time shoving your body forward and pushing off with the ball of your right foot as though you were going to shove the whole earth from under you.

"That is how to land a straight right. It is easy, and it wins every time."

Why He Gave Nothing.

"I've encountered many an excuse for 'sidestepping' the collection basket in church," remarked a Jersey commuter, "but the prize excuse came to me last Sunday out in our town. Next to me in church sat an acquaintance who had taken out a dollar bill, but when he saw the collector was a substitute for the regular brother he put the money back in his pocket. I taxed him with it good naturedly on the way out, and he was very frank.

"'You needn't publish it,' said he, 'but I know that man pretty well. Now, I happen to owe him $5, and he's dunning me unnecessarily for it. I know him so well that I know if I put that dollar bill in the basket he'd find a way to abstract it and pocket it as part of what I owe him. And he'd really feel he was justified too. That's the way he's built, don't you see.'"—New York Globe.

Peculiar Superstitions.

The people of Kulu are extremely superstitious and go in extensively for demonolatry. Many trees are held to be sacred and have tiny temples dedicated to them. The demons are popularly supposed to live at the tops of trees, and if a tree falls in such a way that it is possible to pass under it, as is often the case on the mountain sides, every man before going beneath the trunk will place on it a stick or stone to propitiate its guardian spirit. Certain streams are also sacred, and no one is allowed to wash dirty clothes in them. One year some strangers came into the valley and happened to pollute the water of a river in this manner. It chanced to be a year of extraordinary rainfall, and the people implicitly believe that the excessive rain was sent by the outraged "deota" of the stream as punishment. —Wide World Magazine.

Helping Hubby Out.

"Your wife seems to be wonderfully interested in your business. Must be a source of great satisfaction to you."

"Yes, indeed. Do you know I used to think she cared nothing about it."

"Why the change?"

"I don't know. That's the funny part of it. I can't imagine what has changed her. A few nights ago I went home, tired most to death, and during the evening I casually remarked: 'Iole, my business is getting most too much for me to handle. I am thinking of employing a nice, steady stenographer and typewriter. Don't you think it would be a good idea?' From that moment the good little woman has been extremely anxious to assist me and make my lot easier in every way. 'I suppose it's her naturally sympathetic nature. It must be."—Boston Herald.

A Brilliant Judge.

Steady Baker was at one time mayor of Folkestone, England. Once a boy was brought before him for stealing gooseberries, and Steady, aware of the importance of the case, turned over the pages of the alphabetically arranged "Burn's Justice" for a precedent. Failing to find one, he turned to the culprit. "My lad," said he, "it's lucky for you that you were not brought here for stealing a goose instead of for stealing gooseberries. There is a statute against stealing geese, but I can't find anything about gooseberries in all 'Burn,' so let the prisoner be discharged, for I suppose it is no offense."

The Way Down.

They had been making hay while the sun shone, and when they had finished a high haystack the farmer's boy shouted from the top, "Say, mister, how am I goin' to get down?"

The farmer considered the problem and finally solved it:

"Oh, jest shet yer eyes an' walk round a bit!"—Everybody's.

Notwithstanding.

"Here, hold my horse a minute, will you?"

"Sir! I'm a member of congress."

"Never mind. You look honest. I'll take a chance."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

What's Watts?

The Mayor—Watts' wife is a suffragette.

The Colonel—What's Watts?

"A sufferer."—Smart Set.

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THE STATE IN EPITOME

¶News, Comment and Incidents as Reflected in North Carolina. : : : : : : : : : :

Firemen's Insurance Co.

Twin City Sentinel: Capt. James D. McNeill, president of the State Firemen's Association, is visiting several North Carolina towns in the interest of the Firemen's Insurance Company, and everywhere he goes he finds much enthusiasm over the proposition. He expects his company, which is to have behind it the moral, and in a very considerable measure the financial, support of the firemen of the State, to rank among the leading business getters in fire insurance in North Carolina. Capt. McNeill will probably visit Winston-Salem within the next few weeks.

Traveling Men at Charlotte.

Charlotte Observer: Elegant in all its appointments, and abounding in pleasurable features from beginning to end, the annual banquet tendered by the Charlotte Council, United Commercial Travelers, last night at the Stonewall hotel was one of the most memorable ever given in the city. The menu prepared by the management of the Stonewall brought forth luxurious dishes and covered the table with a most attractive spread. The german given the traveling men immediately after the banquet was also well attended and proved to be vastly enjoyable by those who remained to indulge in this feature of the evening's programme. The menu card was of lovely design, the outer covering containing a New Year's greeting and a calendar for the coming year. The monogram of the U. C. T's. headed the interior page on which the menu was printed. This display of art was only a specimen of the loveliness manifested by the mangement of the Stonewall, Charlotte's newest and one of her most liberally patronized hostelries.

ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE.

M. T. Bowman, Son of Prominent Cleveland Man Tries Shooting.

Kings Mountain, Dec 31.—In an attempt to end his life Mr. Morris T. Bowman, son of Mr. J. T. Bowman, cashier of the Shelby National bank, now lies in a critical condition with a bullet lodged somewhere in or near his brain. Mr. Bowman is about 25 years of age and has been stopping at the Mountain View hotel for several days and his actions have caused a strict watch to be kept upon him. It is understood that he has been in bad shape mentally for some time following a severe attack of fever and that his family has kept him under surveillance for some time. It was for the purpose of allowing him to recuperate that he came to Kings Mountain.

Just about noon today he was seen to leave the hotel and walk up the railroad and when he reached the deep cut near the Dilling mills, it is said that he walked back and forward for some time, before committing the deed. There were no witnesses to the shooting, but he was found unconscious almost immediately afterwards. He was carried into the mill office, where a cot was prepared and medical assistance procured. Dr. B. R. Hunter, who attended, reports that recovery is almost impossible and that death may be expected at any moment.

Mr. Bowman, the unfortunate young man who in a moment of aberation so far forgot himself as to attempt to take his own life, was brought to the Charlotte sanitarium last night by two Kings Mountain physicians, accompanied by his father. He was carried immediately to the operating room and there effort was made to give him what relief science could afford. It is hoped that the operation was successful, though at an early hour this morning it could not be positively determined. The young man is in a desperate condition, primarily from the wound itself and then from his physical status prior to the attempt yesterday afternoon. Mr Bowman has relatives in Lynchburg and Richmond, Va., and elsewhere.

LOW PRESSURE AT NEWBERN.

Running of Water Pipes Embarrassed Fire Department.

(Newbern Journal.)

Householders may have been distressed Thursday and Friday because of cold weather and bursting water pipes. But how much more the anxiety of city authorities, who must see to it that provision against any fire is ready. At the city hall water pressure guage, 20 to 26 pounds has been the registration for two days. Think of such a pressure in case of fire, and worse, that this pressure has only been kept by the full working of the engines at the water works. To be prepared the authorities have for two nights had the steam fire engine ready to run out at the first alarm; horses and men ready to start at first signal.

Yesterday was a busy day cutting out leaks, when reported. Every house holder should take individual action in this weather. For the present no freezing danger exists. But on any further threatened cold weather, water should be cut off, not let faucets run, for while this running may here and there save a pipe, several thousand of such running faucets means a waste that the water works cannot overcome. It means possible immense loss if fire breaks out, for there will be no water pressure, and with the engine working night and day at full steam, and 25 pounds pressure only at city hall, as shown Thursday and Friday, the peril is great. If the householders waste water from unreported leaks and running faucets, they imperil the city. The authorities are helpless. This is a personal matter for every householder to see to.

FAMOUS MULE DEAD.

Honored Asheville Citizen Goes to His Reward.

(Asheville Citizen.)

"Kit" is dead. The famous mule, owned for nearly thirty years by Mr. and Mrs. H. L. King, passed away last Friday full of years and honors. As mule (y)ears go, "Kit" was no spring chicken for she gracefully owned up to 39 years. She was a familiar figure on the streets of Asheville more than a quarter of a century ago, and venerable old gray beards of today recall the day when "Kit" made her debut in mule society. They were boys then, and the mule grew apace and waxed wise with them. Mrs King's father, Silas Stroup, presented "Kit' 'to her in March, 1873, and the mule never disgraced her ownership. Kind and gentle always, she never evinced any of those traits which are usually found in mule circles. She lived a quiet and refined life and it was fitting and proper that when the time came for her to pass to the happy hunting grounds, "Kit's" journey thereto was made as easy as possible. She went by the chloroform route and her end was peace.

Nearly every man, woman and child in Buncombe county had a speaking acquaintance with the old mule and the news of her death will cause general regret, especially in juvenile circles.

CHARGE AGAINST POLICE.

Rocky Mount Citizen Claims Store Was Invaded and Himself Beaten.

(Rocky Mount Record.)

Mr. T. A. Davenport appeared and explained to the board that in an attempted arrest made the night before Christmas by Mr. W. P. Harrington that he had been imposed upon and that he asked that the officer be disciplined by his dismissal from the police force. Mr. Davenport stated that language extremely disrespectful had been used by the officer that a pistol had been placed in his face and snapped three times, and that he had been struck by a billy while being held by another officer the affair having occurred in Mr. Davenport's place of business after he had forbid the officer entering the store without a warrant. The matter grew out of the firing of torpedoes and an effort on the part of the officer to collect a bond for Mr. Davenport's appearance at court.

The board heard the complaint of Mr. Davenport, but took no action last night, pending a further investigation. They will meet tonight in executive session and if the decision is reached that there is ground for the disciplining of the officer, witnesses of the affair will be called in and their statement heard in order to determine to what extent the disciplining of the police should extend.

GEORGE M. GALES PROMOTED.

He Has Been Elected President of the National Cigar Stands.

(News and Observer.)

His friends in Raleigh, and the friends of his father and grandfather in North Carolina, will be gratified to learn that at a meeting of the directors of the National Cigar Stands held in New York this week Mr. George M. Gales, a native of Raleigh, was unanimously elected to the presidency This was in recognition of the valuable services and great business ability of Mr. Gales.

Mr. Gales is one of the ablest of the young men who have gone forth from Raleigh to win their way in the business world. He is a son of the late Seaton Gales, Esq., one of the most gifted men Raleigh has produced, and a descendant of Joseph Gales, the first great editor in Raleigh who, with Mr. Seaton, composed the great firm of Seaton and Gales, who made the National Intelligencer, published at Washington, the most influential national journal of the day.

The old school mates of Mr. Gales and all others who rejoice at the success of a Raileigh boy, will be gratified to learn of Mr. Gales' deserved promotion.

BANKRUPT ARRESTED.

Charged With Cancealing Assets of His Estate.

(Asheville Citizen.)

Taken into custody and held under $500 bond was a new development in the bankruptcy case of O. Keener yesterday. Mr. Keener filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy several weeks ago alleging his own insolvency, and Mr. Vonno Gudger was appointed trustee in bankruptcy and took charge of the stock of goods in the Keener's Depot street store.

Keener's creditors allege that part of the stock had been secretly shipped away and concealed before the petition was filed, and put detectives on the case. As a result of their investigations, Mr. Gudger yesterday swore out a warrant for Keener's arrest, charging him with concealing assets.

Deputy Marshal McElroy served the warrant, and Commissioner McCall held Keener under $500 bail pending a hearing next Monday.

WILL PROSPECT IN TEXAS.

Number of Charlotte Business Men to Investigate Lands.

(Charlotte Observer.

Mr. S. W. Dandridge, of this city, sales agent for the McClung Realty Company, and his brother, Mr. John B. Dandridge, a prominent attorney of Chicago, Ill., will conduct a party of Charlotte gentlemen to Pecos, Texas, January 17th for the purpose of prospecting in that region of the great State. Mr. J. B. Dandridge is largely interested in an irrigation concern with headquarters in Chicago and for several years has held the purchase of huge tracts of land around Pecos in mind.

A plan has been formed by which any man who takes the trip and makes a purchase at that point will be given the railroad fare free and a good number of Charlotte business men have taken advantage of this opportunity and will go on this trip. The purpose is to develop the town of Pecos which is situated in a thriving section of Texas and by purchasing the lands now, the opportunity for realizing heavily on the investment is very promising.

Regular Interest Period.

At the People's Savings Bank January 1st. Deposits made on or before Monday the 3rd, will bear interest from the 1st. Dec. 31-3t

THE TRANSCONTINENTAL

Bond Issue of $50,000 Authorized at Meeting in Asheville.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 31.—At a meeting of the stockholders and directors of the South Atlantic Trans Continental Railroad here today a bond issue of $50,000, first mortgage bonds on the Continental Railroad, was approved and bonds and mortgages ordered printed in French and English.

H. R. Nelkerson, of New York, was elected a vice president, and A. H Beary, of New York, assistant secretary.

Two men, said to be representatives of MacL. Arthur Beach, contractors, who are said to have contract for building the road, and the election of C. J. Harris, of Dillsboro, and Dr. E B. Glenn, of Asheville, directors.

It was stated that arrangements have been made with French bankers to float the bond issue and that the construction work would begin in the spring.

Regarding the elections in the eastern counties Col. Jones stated that in some instances technicalities had rendered necessary a call for a new election; that when bonds were voted the road would begin the work of construction.

As to whether Buncombe would be called upon to vote additional bonds depended upon whether the differences between the Trans-Continental and Appalachian Interurban could be adjusted.

The following is the statement issued today by Col. Jones, president of the Trans Continental:

"The South Atlantic Trans-Continental Railroad stockholders and directors met here this morning and confirmed the bond issue to the French Bank for construction money and ordered mortgages and bonds printed in French and English, and early in the year work will be started. One delay has been the Interurban matter which seems favorable to settlement, otherwise a new bond issue will be called.

TWO BURNED TO DEATH.

Fire With Fatal Results at Elizabeth City.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Elizabeth City, Dec. 31.—A most horrible fire occurred here this morning at 7 o'clock in which two colored children were burned to death, and several others narrowly escaped with their lives.

William Billups, and aged negro, grandfather of the children burned, arose early and made a fire in a room in the lower floor, thinking that the family, sleeping on the upper floor would find the rooms warm and comfortable. The family, including a son and wife and children, however, continued to sleep, and when they awoke the house was in flames. A four-year-old son was thrown from the window and saved, but one child, about two years old, and another, an infant, perished in the flames.

The firemen and specitators viewed the bed containing the helpless children, but were powerless to render aid. It was a most horrible sight.

ONSLOW IS THIRD.

Sheriff Summerell Pays in Taxes to State Treasurer.

(Raleigh News and Observer.)

Onslow comes under the wire as the third county in North Carolina to pay up its taxes, with Harnett first and Johnston second on the list.

Yesterday Sheriff E. W. Summerell, of Onslow county, was here, and he paid over to the State Treasurer $7,301.15 which settled in full the account from Onslow. It is a county which is making progress and it is indicative of its spirit that its sheriff comes forward as the third in the list of counties paying in taxes.

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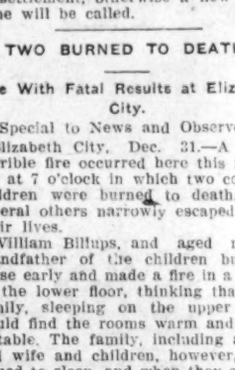

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Take sole leather, for instance—there are as many grades of sole leather as there are breeds of cats. The Craddock sole (4) is made of old-method tanned steer's hide. There is nothing better to be had even in $7 and $8 shoes. This is a fact.

Take the inner sole—the very life of the shoe. Some makers use thin and spongy flank leather here. The Craddock insole (5) is as heavy and as stout as some makers use for outsoles. It is tough and smooth and pliant.

A cheap heel will soon wreck a good shoe. Some heels are half leather and half strawboard. The Craddock heel (1) is made of sole leather and the top lift (2) alone costs more than the whole heel of some shoes that sell at this price.

If the counters and the toe boxes are weak the shoe won't wear well. Craddock counters (3) are made of a single piece of solid grain leather; *they are as good as those used in any shoe at any price.* Some counters are made of two pieces and others of soft leather stiffened with glue. One good wetting will ruin them.

Vamp leather must be tough, yet yielding to every movement of the foot. Craddock vamps (7) are cut from the best part of the best skins we can buy. The vamps of many shoes of this grade are cut from seconds—skins that are imperfect, sometimes burned in the tanning. Craddock tops and quarters (8) are cut from special upper stock. Many shoemakers economize on linings—a good grade where it shows, a cheap stock away down inside, and this is often in two pieces stitched together. We use the best quality of duck, and there is no seam in the toe to gall the foot.

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ROOSEVELT AND THE SUGAR FRAUDS.

One of the most embarrassing details necessary for the complete organization of the "return from Elba" movement is the clearing away of the fact that the Sugar Trust frauds investigation was not seriously countenanced until after President Taft had entered upon his administration. "My distinguished predecessor" and his cabinet were entirely aware, it now fully appears, of the evidence which has since created such a furor in connection with a successful prosecution. It is true that in some cases the delay has resulted in the running of the statute of limitations, but the concrete results so far have included the conviction of a number of grafters, the refunding to the government of several million dollars and the payment to the Philadelphia Sugar Refining Company's receiver of about $30,000,000, due it in connection with the frauds of the American Sugar Refining Company. All of these facts—or the evidence which has in court established them as facts—were not only known to, but pressed upon the Roosevelt administration, at a time, too, when its watch word was "down with the macfactors of great wealth." The Roosevelt administration paid no attention to this evidence, except to discard it officially when offered, but now that ex-Private Secretary Loeb—once the "yellow dog" of Roosevelt—has made fame for himself by starting an investigation based on facts that his master ignored, those charged with keeping alive the Roosevelt tradition are endeavoring to make it appear that it was he who was responsible for the prosecutions, disclosures, and recoveries that have recently come about. In connection with which the Virginian-Pilot calls attention to the claim of the man who conducts the "In the Air" department of the Newark Evening News, who claims that the Sugar Frauds investigation was forced by Mr. Roosevelt's suggestion that the Outlook, of which he is associate editor, publish the "Story of the Seventeen Holes." The Virginian-Pilot pertinently ridicules the suggestion, and says that the department is well named and is living up to its title, certainly in this instance, when it is "up in the fair," "for fair."

We would like to suggest the question, how it happened that Mr. Roosevelt, as journalist, happened to be in possession of sufficient information concerning the seventeen holes, unless as President he had read and considered the evidence in connection with them—evidence which, under a succeeding administration, was made the basis of the disclosures that have made the operations of the Sugar Trust a by-word for petty larceny by big thieves. If he knew the facts well enough to commit his magazine to their disclosure, why did he not in his official characted set the government to their correction? If he did not know them, how happens it that Loeb, on the inside with a pad-lock on his mouth, no sooner got into a responsible position than he displayed an almost superhuman ingenuity in ferreting out fraud? The conclusion is that Roosevelt knew, Loeb knew, the Roosevelt cabinet knew the facts. Before the Nation comes to receive back as a conquering hero its only original trust buster, it ought to be competent for the people to inqufre why, knowing the facts, he did not use them. And why, after they had been exploited by some one else, he considers it necessary through his agents to lay claim to a virtue he evidently did not possess.

It is not an unknown habit of Roosevelt to lie quiet—much as he talks—until the thing is done before claiming the credit. Witness, for instance, the "Round Robin" incident in Cuba. Theodore Roosevelt was but one of a number of insignificant signers, until the popularity of the protest was proven. At once he became author and instigator. Can he, with even less right to preeminence, likewise walk away with the credit of the Sugar Frauds cases?

An exchange tells a story of a negro who, in a Christmas fight, "had his hair parted on the side by a pistol ball." Many among the negroes use a razor to perform this woolly operation, but a pistol ball, though dangerous, ought to serve as well to make a "part" that will stay put. A part on the side, however, instead of in the middle is in the nature of permanent flamages.

LOCALITY OF NEGROID TAINT.

The South has since the inception of the cult been a fertile field for the imagination of the "muck raker", whose business it is to make a stench, even though there be none. Just now, the peonage, lynching, and child-labor "horrors" having been exploded, one of the January magazines is lending itself to the most libelous of all misrepresentations of the South in an article which declares that the "problem" now uppermost is miscegenation. It is charged that the strain of Anglo-Saxon blood is in danger of defilement, and that many old families, notably in Louisiana, have to their horror discovered the taint.

This is tantamount to a charge that Southern women have and do mingle with negro men. Its unutterable baseness and falsity are so apparent that it is impossible to become heated with the disgust that the slander arouses: an absurdity, however gross in substance, cannot create a real anger.

While we are about it, however, it might be suggested that the "taint of negro blood", which is understood and avoided in the South like poison, is not appreciated and is therefore an insiduous quantity in the North, whither are flocking in yearly increasing numbers Southern negroes, and especially mulattoes. These latter, if they are "white" enough, have in fact, every personal incentive to go to the Northern cities. No matter how "white" he may be, the mulatto knows that the Southerner has a sort of "sixth sense" which permits him to recognize at a glance the negro blood beneath the whitest skin and straightest hair. There is a certain opaqueness of skin, a certain cast of eye, that writes the African large upon the most dilute development of his blood. Here, despite his blue eyes and his brown hair, the "light" quadroon must take his social stand among the black, brown, and yellow members of the race to which even one drop of negro blood marks him as belonging. But this is not true in the North, and the mulatto knows it. His white blood calls on him to get away from the tragedy of his life—no matter how well he may know in his heart of hearts that he will be a "nigger" to the end of the chapter. So he goes North, where miscegenation is no crime, where it was for a long time actually given the encouragement of sentiment, and where—on account of ignorance and want of perception of negro peculiarities—he can pose as "white". It is in the North, and not in the South, that the mixture of many races results in numerous instances in the presence in "white" families of the negroid taint.

As illustration, the writer knows of two bright mulattoes, now living as white men in New York, who eat, sleep and travel as white men. Occasionally they come South. Instantly the New York "white man" becomes a Southern "darky". They know the lengths to which their deception can go, and it is significant that, traveling in Pullmans and chair cars "up North", they voluntarily take to the "Jim Crow" when they reach "Dixie." More significant still is the fact that in the South they still take pleasure in mingling with the blackest of the black, their long association with whites, as white men, notwithstanding. As we recently pointed out, the savage blood, however dilute, is strong and insistent in its reversion to type. And, if nothing else were available to refute the libel referred to, the facts of physiology would indicate the absurdity of its claims, in the well known phenomenon of physical type-reversion—a fact that every breeder of dogs is familiar with, and that any superficial observer, who has noted the occasional coal-black child of bright mulatto parents, will at once admit upon its suggestion. It does not need a searching of ancient records to disclose to the world the horrid fact of any tant existing in any "white" family.

DR. STILES TELLING WHOLE TRUTH.

Dr. Siles is an honest man. That has been all along the belief of this paper, so expressed. He has proved the statement recently by repeating to a Northern audience what he said in the South as to comparative conditions as to children in the Southern mills and on the tenant farms. When made in the South, the statement might have been charged up to a desire to gild the pill of "hook-worm" with the sugar of praise of manufacturing conditions. When made in the North, where it has been the fashion to believe the South not only eaten by hook-worm, but ruled by brutal industrial masters of small children, its only excuse is that it is the truth as an impartial and scientific investigator sees the truth. In his most recent deliverance, Dr. Stiles said on this point:

"I have never defended child- labor as an abstract proposition, but when I compare child labor and child misery upon the soil-polluted one-horse farms with child labor under the vastly improved sanitary conditions in the Southern cotton mills, I am forced to the conclusion that the latter is infinitely better than the former, and if it came to a choice between the two for my young daughter, now 10 years old, my duty would compel me to choose for her a life in the spinning room of the average cotton mill of the South which I have visited, in preference to a life of toil and misery on the average insanitary tenant farm I have studied."

There is the practical statement of an original investigator, made in the knowledge of the facts and absolutely unprejudiced by the perverted statements disseminated by professional agitators and commercial agents. Commenting thereon, the Charlotte Chronicle says:

"He went on further to say that he is unable to join in the wholesale condemnation of the South's cotton mills, for he recognizes in them the best friends the tenant whites of the South have. Dr. Stiles' observations in the South have not been in vain. He has the proper conception of the conditions surrounding the Southern cotton mills and it is to his credit that he is bold enough to tell the truth about it, even to the shame of the professional child labor agitators. We are beholden to Dr. Stiles. We have found a champion where we least expected to find one. He is handing it out straight to the child labor weepy-eyes and is giving them the very sort of medicine they have been in need of. Dr. Stiles is straight on the child labor question. We are not yet quite prepared to go into partnership with him in the hook-worm enterprise, but his manifestation of sound sense on Southern factory conditions is fetching us mighty close to it."

What we desire to know is, why the Chronicle is not "yet quite prepared to go into partnership with him in the hook-worm enterprise". This is a partnership in which it seems to us every Southern influence ought to take a share. There is no more disgrace in "hook-worm" than there is in any other sort of infectious or contagious disease that here and there grips a community. The only difference is that, whereas the long recognized diseases have invited instant measures for their eradication, a newly demonstrated disease evil invites skepticism on the sole ground that a diagnosis has been long delayed. We would really like to have an explanation of the Chronicle's attitude on this question: It was only recently that it was welcoming the Rockefeller donation, and asking for more; now it declares itself unconvinced. For our own part, we recognized that John D. could give the South a million dollars in a guise which would make its acceptance necessary, at the same time expressing regret that the South had not itself taken action, instead of leaving the way clear for the further advertising of one whose acts of hypocrisy have been so many that an honest act at this time necessarily suggests an ulterior motive. It simply seemed to us that it was a humiliation to the South that a necessary action should be financed from such a source. The Chronicle's attitude seems to be that the action of Rockefeller was unnecessary, but his money was welcome.

It would be pleasing if, under these circumstances, the Chronicle would give an exhibition of its well known ingenuity in finding a way out of its own entanglement.

MR. MOREHEAD MUST LEAVE HIS LOVE.

The following, from the Asheville Gazette-News will serve to show that Mr. Morehead possibly spoke more truly than he thought, when he stated that he would not take a re-nomination to Congress:

"The significance of the foregoing will scarcely be lost upon old line Republicans. Coming from a Democratic source it may be taken for granted that it reflects the hopes and aspirations of the gentleman from the Fifth. Old liners are reminded afresh that Mr. Morehead accepted the nomination in the first instance upon the "solicitation of the so-called better element". This may be taken as a more or less delicate way of advancing the Morehead point of view, which is that only the near Democrats and Commercials of his party are to be regarded as respectable. It is likewise of a piece with the charge of the Morehead lieutenants, that his first nomination and election was due to circumstances for which the old line, or organization Republicans, were in no wise responsible."

So it appears that, if there are enough near-Democrats to nominate him, the unwashed old liners will beat him at the polls; and if the old liners nominate someone else, the near-Democrats will refuse to support a candidate lacking in "respectability."

Altogether, it would appear that Mr. Morehead, who is reported to have "become infatuated with Washington life," has loved too deeply and too scon.

The News and Observer recently declared that "climate" was the State's chief asset. It neglected to state where the asset was located. Wilmington has been all the Fall and Winter like unto Spring, the past few days excepted. Then, when a blizzard was raging elsewhere, the thermometer took one tumble and rebounded to the natural salubrity of climate which is the basis of New Hanover weather. Yesterday is was Spring again, with only here and there a busy plumber mending an exposed pipe to indicate that there had been any deviation from the usual rule of climatic conditions.

A New York court has decided that the Hearst Corporation "has a soul". This was in an appeal from a conviction of criminal libel of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., followed by a fine of $500. The reputation of having a soul is dirt cheap to Willie Randolph Hearst, at the bargain rate of $500 for the recommendation.

ON SEEING.

Description savors of caricature, rather than accuracy. As in art the most minute canvass fails to give the same accurate conception as the broad, sweeping, impressionistic lines with their salient points of vantage staring forth from neglected or clumsy detail, so to make the mind see a thing with a description takes something more than intimate knowledge of the subject described. Descriptive artists are born, not made. To the average man attempting to tell how a thing looks, a plethora of detail frequently serves only to put the subject in the class of a commonplace type. To say that a certain man has eyes, nose, mouth, and hair, is a partial description of a man—any man—but it is a sorry vehicle for purposes of identification.

We were forcibly reminded of this truth by reading in the Fayetteville Observer an advertisement inserted by a negro father desiring the return of a lost son, by name John Bond. He says:

"He has on a pair of blue overalls, and a pair of knee pants under these made of overalls goods. His coat is of good material, a kind of blue, mingled with white, but it is old and the lining is principally worn out; and a pair of new number seven battleaxe shoes and a gray mingled pair of stockings. He has on also a kind of navy blue black cap. The boy is between a ginger and a black color, and his face is very bumpy, with courage bumps, just about 13 years old, and about 5 feet high. His hair is notty, because he hasn't combed it in three weeks."

In a sense, this is doubtless a perfect description. It tells all there is to be told, except it is by one who, having a knowledge of the facts, has not that elusive power of enabling others to see the thing seen by himself. As it is written, what does this description convey, except the mental picture of one of ten thousand negro boys? He is in blue overalls, and wears a kind of navy blue cap. Also, he sports "Battle Axe" shoes. In color he is something between a ginger cake and a black; in age about thirteen, and decorated with "courage bumps." In the mass of negro boys such an indicated figure is as safe from notice as one pea in a barrel of other peas. Yet he is faithfully described. His absence is probably a grief to his father, which any well disposed person would be glad to assuage by bringing about the return of his son. One of the masters of description might have written an advertisement that would have differentiated this molecule from the mass, but not less than a master could have done it. As it is, it is a waste of space and another evidence of that most neglected of all arts—the ability to see accurately and individually the things by which we are surrounded, and with which we live.

Railroads are no respecters of persons, as the inexcusable killing of Spencer Trask shows.

"And what would the paragrapher be doing without Shemwell?" asks the Salisbury Post. He would be more active than Shemwell would be without the rheumatism, for one thing.

The New Year will surely herald the speedy ending of the Nicaraguan war: In Bluefields, the day was celebrated by patriots who sat in front of the cafes and yelled "Vivas!" and "Bravas!"

The investigation now proceeding in Georgia concerning the abuses in the prison system of that State should serve to show the muck rakers what to imagine the next time they want to say something.

Richmond Pearson Hobson and his "peace programme" by way of "adequate armaments" may yet prove to be a prophet, in light of the news that Mexico is preparing to appeal to European governments to throw off the yoke of American control in Central America.

The country will learn with real pleasure that the Florida orange crop is safe until the next freeze. It is only of recent years that Florida fruit has come back on the market. It is so superior to that of other sections that a set-back in that industry would have been a national calamity.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The storm that swept the coast the other day fattened the marine graveyard around Hatteras, and both north and south of that fearsome point. Could there possibly be a stronger argument for the building of the inside route from Boston to Florida?—Savannah News.

A Postal Progress League official would purchase 17,000 automobiles as the best means of making both ends meet in the delivery of rural mail. The same person probably, who once had figures to prove that the system was bound to yield a handsome profit. —Washington Post.

Governor Harmon is being quoted as saying that "the tariff is responsible for the high cost of living." The Governor will have to come across with something more original than that if he expects to see his Presidential boom leap forward in any stag-like manner.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Colonel Gordon, of Mississippi, will be a United States Senator for just two weeks. Not long enough to become proficient in that exquisite school of courtesy which would rather allow the perpetration of a public wrong than wound the sensibilities of a togaed colleague.—Virginian Pilot.

The Washington Herald printed this: "Chicago, says Gertrude Atherton, is gloomy, ugly, money-mad, purse-proud, frightful, wicked and dirty." Whereupon the Elizabeth Times dares any Chicago paper to reprint the above with the first two commas omitted. It looks like trouble to us.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

If such a thing were possible, Thomas Jefferson turned over in his grave when he read that Senator Money had given three public positions to members of his own family. Every living Democrat was tempted to use language that we would not like to print, but if any actually used such language we are sure the Recording Angel dropped a tear and blotted out the entry.—News and Observer.

Dr. Wade H. Haris, of the Evening Chronicle, and Dr. Joe Reece, of the Greensboro Record, have been making themselves unhappy for some time in a vain effort to learn the etymology of "school butter." They understand, of course, that the term is opprobious, but just what it signifies and just whence it came they cannot say. And we cannot help them at all. Maybe The Norfolk Landmark can. Attention, Landmark!—Charlotte Observer.

There is considerable criticism because of the Governor's interference with regard to the sentence of the court in the Baxter Shemwell case. He is a dangerous man. He was acquitted for the slaying of one of the best men in North Carolina some years ago. He was convicted for holding up a Southern Railway train at Lexington. For this he was convicted and sentenced to the State prison. The Governor has extended the time for beginning of his sentence. Many think the Governor should not have intervened, but let the court sentence take its course.—Washington Progress.

Since his private confab with President Diaz, of Mexico, Zelaya will probably have less to say about still being the real President of Nicaragua. Mexico has acted a good part by him—and, we can't help thinking, a good part by Secretary Knox also. It looks like that country has helped the American Secretary of State out of a very embarrassing position. Of course Mr. Knox will not admit the fact, but it may be true, all the same. Zelaya in the hands of the President of Mexico instead of in the custody of the American officials is very much less an embarrassing proposition.—Charlotte Observer.

Truly fame has its penalties. One never hears the name of Dr. Charles W. Stiles without thinking of a hook-worm, of Mr. Rockefeller without thinking of an oil can, of Theodore Roosevelt without thinking of "the shorter and uglier word," of Dr. Cook without thinking of the North Pole, of Gen. Miles without thinking of "embalmed beef", of Admiral Schley without thinking of a loop-the-loop, of President Taft without thinking of a 'possum, and so on through an interminable list. It is somehow the trivial things that catch and hold. Would Capt. Lewis ever have been known to fame if his whiskers had been black instead of pink?—Savannah News.

Prince Cupid is getting "in bad" in Hawaii, if reports about him are correct. Prince Cupid, you will understand, is a Hawaiian delegate to the United States Congress and draws mileage enough to pay rent for a year. He appears on the pay-rolls as David Kalanianole, but since nobody can remember all that, he is Prince Cupid, nephew of ex-Queen Lil. Cupid, it seems, has been making speeches back in the islands saying that trust magnates have been grabbing the lands of the people and that something ought to be done about it. That sort of thing is sacrilege, of course, so Prince Cupid will probably have to give up his little official income that amounts to about $1,000 a month.—Savannah News.

The Richmond Journal having accused Mrs. Grover Cleveland of being un-American because she has changed her residence to Switzerland to educate her children. The Norfolk Landmark takes it to task for unfairness. "We do not recall seeing," says The Landmark, "The Journal's remarks to the same purport with regard to Mrs. Ruth Bryan Leavitt, who has gone to Germany to educate her children, believing, like Mrs. Cleveland, that they can get a better education in the European schools than in the schools of their own country." While not upholding the course of either of these anxious mothers, The Landmark makes the point that any criticism of one applies to the other, and makes it so clear that even the Bryan papers can see it.—Charlotte Chronicle.

Mrs. George Westinghouse has given to the troubled Pittsburg horse a unique Christmas gift. It is an overshoe which helps the animal get a good grip on the icy or wet streets. Mrs. Westinghouse has been entertaining at her Pittsburg home in honor of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ethel Brockelbank Westinghouse. Last week, while driving, she noticed two horses fall in the street. She sent for James Bell, superintendent of the Western Pennsylvania Humane Society, and supplied him with a great number of "horse overshoes", consisting of three small chains crossing under the hoof, furnishing a good grip, even on ice. Superintendent Bell and eight assistants spent the day helping overloaded horses draw their loads with the overshoe.—N. Y. Tribune.

Shemwell has killed a man, and escaped conviction ,though most people felt that he ought to have been convicted. He has been handy with his gun at other times with no punishment. His conduct has terrorized men, and folks freely predicted that when he made the indefensible attack on the railroad conductor, he had a habit of escaping the penalty for his violation of the law. But, after escaping and seeming to have a patent of escaping the penalty, he was at last convicted, and a brave and upright judge imposed a moderate sentence. The postponement of entering upon the sentence until April first was secured by statements that he was ill in a sanitarium at Hot Springs. The day he was well enough to leave that hospital, he was well enough to begin sentence ,and every day that the sentence is delayed is a day that helps to lessen respect for the majesty of the law.—News and Observer.

This is the idea of The Columbia State: "A freight steamboat line, and a fleet of pleasure power launches, one or two of them 'ocean-going', with a harbor! How is that for the City on the Congaree? The big launches are useful to the business interests; frequently plying on the river they help keep open the channel and help prevent formation of obstructing sand bars." Yes; and after all that is done, by heck, let's run a branch line via the Wateree and the old Catawba up to Mount Holly. It had never been in the dream of the port of Mount Holly to have a fleet of pleasure launches, but it has always held out for a freight steamboat line, and at one time, when it had the fair, the prospect seemed to be tolerably good. Of course, the dams of the Southern Power Company will have to be climbed, but that will be an easy proposition for the Columbia freight steamboat line and power launch fleet.—Charlotte Chronicle.

Gertrude Atherton, the novelist, has been writing for Harper's Bazaar on "The Woman in Love." In her first two papers Mrs. Atherton discusses those women in history whose love episodes have been the most striking things about them. In her third paper, however, not yet published, she makes some predictions concerning the place that love will take in the future. Mrs. Atherton does not go so far as Mrs. Belmont, who predicts that there will be a war between the sexes, due to the fact that men will not give women the suffrage. Mrs. Atherton believes and states, however, that from now on the love element will be a far less vital thing in women's lives than it has been heretofore. She thinks that the broadening out of feminine interests, the entrance of development of women, are all factors which will fill women's lives to the comparative exclusion of that other factor which heretofore has been supposed to be "her whole existence."—Virginian Pilot.

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MASS MEETING OF MEN TODAY

Arrangements Made for Great Gathering at Academy of Music This Afternoon—Special Music and Speakers on Programme.

Plans have been well laid for the great mass meeting for men in the interest of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in the Academy of Music this afternoon at 3 o'clock and as Wilmington took the initiative in this movement in the State, it is hoped that civic pride if not a sense of duty will compel a large attendance of the Christian men of the city, regardless of denomination, for the work is entirely interdenominational.

The meeting is preliminary to the great State convention in the same interest at Greensboro January 12th to the 14th, and it is important that all interested in the evangelization of the world be present and lend their presence to an encouragement of the movement. There will be a list of interesting speakers both from Wilmington and a distance and the programme of music will be found entertaining and inspiring. The object of the National campaign, which will result in 70 cities of the United States being reached and 70,000 men being placed in intimate touch with the work before the first of May when a great world convention will be held in Glasgow, is to secure from Christians in America a recognition of the Nation's responsibility religiously for the world. The call is direct. The object is definite and vital. Upon the men of North Carolina the convention at Greensboro brings a responsibility that cannot be avoided and the meeting in the Academy this afternoon entails an obligation upon the Christian manhood of the city that cannot be escaped.

Every city in the State is moving for a large representation at the Greensboro convention and it is expected that fully 1,500 men will gather there in the first meeting of the year in the South. A splendid entertainment has been arranged and the speakers on that occasion are Nation-wide as well as State-wide prominent. In every city a local organization is being perfected and the smaller communities are being interested from the larger centers. Some of the themes and the speakers included in the programme are:

Men and Missions, Dr. Geo. B. Cromer, Newberry, S. C.

Transition and Urgency, Rev. C. A. R. Jarvier, of India.

America's World Responsibility, Mr. C. H. Pratt, Athens, Ga.

Significance of the Movement, Rev. R. W. Patten, Athens, Ga.

Systematic Missionary Education, Rev. T. B. Ray, D. D., Richmond, Va.

The Revival in Korea, Rev. C. T. Hounshell, Radford, Va.

The East Calls, Rev. H. F. Williams, Nashville, Tenn.

Prayer and Missions, Rev. W. L. Lingle, D. D., Atlanta, Ga.

The Adequate Missionary Policy, Dr. J. T. Henderson, Bristol, Tenn.

Business System in Missionary Finance, Dr. J. O. Reavis, Nashville; Dr D. Clay Lilly, Nicholsonville, Ky.

The Laymen's New Horizon, Dr. J. H. Apple, Frederick, Md.

Progress of Christianity in China, Rev. A. P. Parker, D. D., China.

The Field is the World, Rt. Rev. A. S. Lloyd, D. D., Alexandria, Va.

The Busy Man and the King's Business, J. H. Tucker, Asheville; C. A. Rowland, Athens, Ga.

Personal Investigation of Missions, Hon. Joshua Levering, Baltimore, Md.

Reflex Influence of Missions, Rt. Rev. Robert Strange, D. D., Wilmington, N. C.

The Stewardship of Life, Rev. E. H. Rawlings, D. D., Richmond, Va.

Christ's Call to Men, Dr. E. M. Poteat, Greenville, S. C.

Light for Darkest Africa, Mr. Willis R. Hotchkiss, Lumbwa, Africa.

These addresses will be concluded with an adoption of a policy by the Laymen of North Carolina and interdenominational meetings for work by each denomination.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Announcements by Wilmington Pastors for Pulpits Today.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, church edifice Market and 17th streets. Services at 11 A. M. and 8:15 P. M. Subject of lesson sermon: "God". All are invited.

St. Thomas' Church: First mass 7 A. M. Last mass, sermon, 10:30 A. M. Vespers 7:45 P. M.

First Baptist Church: Fifth and Market streets, Dr. J. H. Foster, pastor. Preaching 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School 3:30 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday 8 P. M. B. Y. P. U. Friday 8 P. M.

Grace M. E. Church, Rev. T. A. Smoot, pastor: Services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School 3:30 P. M. The public cordibly invited to all services.

St. James' Church, Rev. W. H. Milton, D. D., rector: Service, sermon and Holy Communion at 11 A. M. Evening prayer at 5 P. M. Organ prelude at 7:30 P. M. Evensong and sermon at 8 P. M. Everybody heartily welcome.

St. John's church, Third and Red Cross streets, Rev. W. E. Cox, rector. Litany, Holy Communion and sermon at 11 A. M. Sunday school at 4 P. M. Evening prayer at 8 P. M. All are cordially invited.

There will be a sacred concert at Chesnut Street Presbyterian church, colored, this evening at 7:30 o'clock. An hour to enjoy delightful harmony and inspiring melody. You are invited to come and hear our talented singers.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, corner of Sixth and Market streets, Rev. W. A. Snyder, pastor: Sunday after New Year. English morning service with the Holy Communion at 11 A. M. Service of confession [illegible] A. M. English Vesper service, 7:30 P. M. Both services will pre[illegible] appropriate to the opening of a year. Sunday school at 3:30 P. M. Midweek service, Wednesday, at 8 P. M. A cordial [illegible] to all. Seats free.

St. Paul's Episcopal church, corner of Fourth and Orange streets, Rev. A. W. Seabrease, rector. Sunday services, morning prayer with Holy Communion at 11 A. M. Sunday school at 3:30 P. M. evening at 5 P. M.

Trinity Methodist Church, Rev. E. R. Welch, pastor—Preaching morning and evening. Subject of morning sermon, "New Year Resolutions." At night, "Voice in the Wilderness." Preaching at Villa View, Wrightsville Sound, at 3:30 P. M.

Larceny of Apples Charged.

Sam Cooper, colored, who has been employed at the warehouse of The Hicks Company, was arrested by Constable W. B. Savage yesterday morning on the charge of stealing three barrels of apples from the company on Christmas Day. When the case was called for trial in Justice George Harriss' court yesterday afternoon, the defendant, through his attorney, Geo. L. Peschau, Esq., waived examination. In default of $50 bond he went to jail to await a hearing before the Recorder Monday.

FUNERAL OF MR. DAVIS

Impressive Services Held From St. James' Episcopal Church.

From St. James' Episcopal Church at 11 o'clock yesterday morning beautiful and impressive funeral services were held over the remains of Mr. Nicholas Nixon Davis, whose sad death occurred in Waynesville, N. C., Thursday morning. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Milton, rector of the church, assisted by Rt. Rev. Robert Strange, Bishop of the diocese. The edifice was crowded with friends and relatives who assembled to pay a last sad tribute to the memory of one whom they had loved, respected and admired during his long residence in this city. The many beautiful floral designs banked around the grave was a silent testimonial of the high esteem in which the deceased was held. The interment was in Oakdale cemetery.

The pall-bearers were: Honorary, Mr. James Sprunt and Dr. G. G. Thomas; active, Messrs. R. D. Cronly, Geo. B. Elliott, C. E. Taylor, Jr., George S. LeGrand, H. E. O'Keefe and M. W. Divine.

Among those here from a distance to attend the services was Justice Platt D. Walker, of the North Carolina Supreme Court, and Mr. R. D. Cronly, of Petersburg, Va.

FIRE FROM OVERTURNED LAMP.

Furnishings in Mr. Geo. Jackson's Dining Room Badly Damaged.

The accidental overturning of a lamp on the dining table at the home of Mr. Geo. C. Jackson, 512 Nun street, last night, resulted in a damage of $50 or $75 to the table, carpet and other things in the room. It appears that the lamp was resting near a loose board in the table and was accidentally struck by Mr. Jackson's little daughter. There was no one in the room at the time except Mr. Jackson and his little girl. The table cloth ignited and burned rapidly, the flames spreading to various parts of the room. Fortunately, the little girl was not burned in the least. No alarm was turned in, Mr. Jackson deciding to quench the flames himself. Several neighbors were attracted by the brilliant light from the dining room and in a short time water was being thrown on the flames by half a score of persons. The damage from water was almost as great as by the fire.

FIRE AT CAPE FEAR FISHERIES.

Wharf and Building Destroyed Yesterday Afternoon—Loss Large.

Fire of unknown origin between 1 and 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon destroyed a part of the wharf and a large building on the water front of the Cape Fear Fisheries Company, at old Brunswick, down the river. The damage is estimated at between $3,000 and $5,000 and is thought to be fully covered by insurance. The main factory building was not burned. The building destroyed contained the seine house, the cooper shed, elevator tower, coal bin, office and store building. The factory is owned by the northern corporation operating a chain of menhaden works down the coast and has not been in operation since the company failed about five years ago. The fire in no wise affects the Ocean Fisheries Co., owned by local interests and which is situated some distance from the other factory.

SALE IS STILL ON.

Nearly a Thousand Suits Already Sold at I. Shrier's.

It will be interesting to the clothes buying public to know that the sale of fine tailor-made suits instituted shortly before the holidays at the store of Mr. I. Shrier, northeast corner of Front and Princess streets, is to be continued a short while longer. Nealy a thousand suits have aleady been sold, but Mr Shrier and his clever force of salesmen are not yet satisfied and announce that they have just received by express another lot of patterns to replace others which have been entirely sold out and that in the last lot there are even greater bargains than were offered at first. Among them are many ligatweight fabrics for Spring suits and a rare opportunity awaits those who visit the store this week.

JUDGE J. A. ERWIN TODAY

Will Preach Last Sermon Until He Returns Here in February.

Judge J. A. Erwin, who recently resigned the pastorate of the Christian Church, will preach today for the last night until he returns to Wilmington in February from Osceola, Iowa, where he will hold a series of meetings during the month of January. He will use as his subject this morning, "The Second Coming of Christ and the Destruction of the World." Tonight he will preach on "Covetousness; Its Dangers and Effects." During his absence the pulpit will be filled part of the time by Rev. J. C. Caldwell, D. D., from Atlantic Christian College, at Wilson. The public is cordially invited to hear Judge Erwin today, both morning and evening.

WILL BEGIN THIS WEEK.

Contractors About Ready to Commence Work on Waterworks Plant.

As stated in the Star several days ago the construction work in connection with the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Wilmington waterworks plant will be commenced this week. Mr. J. W. Gurley, of the contracting firm of J. W. Gurley & Co., of Mobile, Ala., has arrived and is getting everything in readiness for beginning the work. More than 100 laborers will probably be used. The 24-inch piping, the largest size ordered for the new mains, has arrived and will be distributed on the streets where it will be laid.

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Legal Holiday.

As no business will be transacted by the banks of the city New Year's Day, all deposits made with the People's Savings Bank, on Monday, January 3rd, will bear interest from January 1st, receiving credit for the interest due April 1st. ja 1-2t.

SERIOUSLY INJURED BY FALL

Daniel Houston, 12 Years Old, Suffers Concussion of Brain and Bruised Thigh—Condition Regarded as Dangerous.

Acting strangely and unable to give an account of his movements for the preceding hour, Daniel Houston, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Houston, returned to his father's shoe shop, No. 19 South Second street, from an errand Friday afternoon about 4 o'clock with concussion of the brain on the right side and an ugly bruise on his right hip, indicating that he had been thrown violently from the bicycle which he was riding.

His condition was observed by Mr. P. L. Houston, brother of the lad, who inquired what had happened. The lad said that nothing had happened—that he had not been hurt—and immediately got on his bicycle and rode away, returning again about 5 o'clock, complaining of a severe headache. His clothes were dusty, showing that he had had a fall. The lad was taken into the house and Dr. Morris M. Caldwell was summoned. The physician found that the boy had concussion of the brain and a bad bruise on the right hip. The wound in the head produced convulsions and the lad's condition is pronounced serious.

It was stated at the Houston home last night that the lad had been unable to tell anything about the accident and had no recollection of the bicycle. The lad was sent to deliver a pair of shoes on Sixth street, leaving the shop at 3 o'clock. When he returned an hour later the shoes were tied on the handle bars of the bicycle as they were at the time he left. It was at first thought that probably some one struck him on the side of the head with a brick bat causing him to fall from the bicycle, but after it was found that the wound on the head and the bruise were on the same side this theory was abandoned. It is now believed that the lad either collided with a vehicle or fell accidentally from his wheel in making a sharp turn.

About three years ago the boy was seriously injured by his bicycle colliding with a coal cart and it was necessary for him to remain at the hospital for about three months. The brothers of the lad do not take much stock in the theory that the boy was injured by an accidental fall from his bicycle, saying that he was an expert rider.

INNOVATION IN BANKING.

Certificates of Deposit and Interest Coupons From the American.

The American National Bank in an advertisement elsewhere in today's paper announces a new departure in progressive banking and one that promises to be quite popular with the public. Hereafter in its savings department, the American will issue to all depositors who care for it, a certificate of deposit to which are attached interest coupons that may be clipped and cashed at any bank in the United States upon identification and which obviates the necessity of a pass book or the time and trouble of having to apply at the home bank to draw interest or have the same entered upon the book. The form and system of deposit is original with Mr. Thos. E. Cooper, the enterprising young cashier of the American, though a certain form of deposit certificate have been in use in several out-of-the-State banks. The system invented by Mr. Cooper and upon which copyright protection has been asked, possesses many points of advantage from both the standpoint of the banker and the depositor.

In denominations as low as $200 and on up into the thousands, the American National when desired, will issue to the depositor a very elegantly engraved certificate of deposit, negotiable anywhere, and to which are attached 24 interest bearing coupons, payable each three months at 4 per cent. compound interest, and which may be clipped off and cashed at any time after maturity. There are also many other points of advantage which will be readily explained to any one interested and who will apply at the bank.

By the 10th of the present month when the new stock recently subscribed is in, The American National will have capital, surplus and profits of over $165,000, which is quite comfortable to the "healthy youngster", which the American National undoubtedly is.

Begun Erection of Warehouse.

Mr. W. E. Rowe, who operates a line of boats on the Northeast river, has begun the erection of a large warehouse on the river front, between Princess and Chesnut streets. The building will be 28x130 feet in size. The work has been temporarily stopped by Building Inspector H. E. Bonitz as Mr. Rowe had not secured permission from the Board of Aldermen as is required when building a wooden structure within the fire limits. The matter will come up for the consideration of the Aldermen at the regular monthly meeting tomorrow night.

County Teachers Met.

Owing to the fact that yesterday was a holiday and many of the teachers had not returned from their Christmas vacation, the attendance at the regular monthly meeting of the County White Teachers' Association was not very large. Prof. Washington Catlett, superintendent of public instruction, presided, and the regular course of study was taken up, fine progress being made.

A Wild Blizzard Raging

brings danger, suffering—often death—to thousands, who take colds, coughs and lagrippe—that terror of Winter and Spring. Its danger signals are "stuffed up" nostrils, lower part of nose sore, chills and fever, pain in back of head, and a throat-gripping cough. When Grip attacks, as you value your life, don't delay getting Dr. King's New Discovery. "One bottel cured me," writes A. L. Dunn, of Pine Valley, Miss., "after being 'laid up' three weeks with Grip." For sore lungs, Hemorrhages, Coughs, Colds, Whooping Cough, Bronchitis, Asthma, its supreme, 50c. $1.00 Guaranteed by Robert R. Bellamy.

BIG VAUDEVILLE BILL.

Make Things Merry Again This Week at Crystal Palace.

The Crystal Palace will open its doors again tomorrow, after a week of being "dark", and the new vaudeville offering will be large and of splendid type, so the management positively claims. It was originally intended to present the famed Gaumont talking moving pictures this week, but the company was unable to fill this time, though it will appear later, so the Palace gets back to its own this week. In doing so it will also make and extra big offering, so something choice and good may well be expected for this week. The bill will be especially strong for comedy, which, of course, is the popular thing in vaudeville nowadays, and there will also be an abundance of singing and dancing. A wire received last night from the booking agent states that the bill for this week will be a rattling good one.

The first performance of the new bill will take place tomorrow afternoon, and the usual night performances will be given, with the same scale of small prices prevailing. No doubt, the "first nighters" will crowd the popular theatre tomorrow.

STEERED THE IROQUOIS.

Tug Sea King Acted as Convoy for Disabled Clyde Liner.

The tug Sea King, Capt. Edgar Williams, steering the Clyde liner Iroquois, which was disabled off Frying Pan shoals last Monday night by the loss of her rudder, arrived with the big steamer off the Cape Fear bar late Friday night and the Clyde liner Carib, acting as rudder, proceeded with her to New York.

The Iroquois is proceeding under her own steam and the Sea King, assisting her to navigate, came with her from Charleston, a distance of 120 miles to the Cape Fear bar. The Iroquois went to her destination in a like manner to carry her passengers and cargo and it was necessary to convoy her back to New York, where she will receive repairs. The tug and steamer coming up the coast had fine weather and although lacking a rudder her machinery is working, and it is believed that she will make the trip without accident.

The Carib cleared from port at an early hour yesterday morning and took the place of the Sea King in assisting the distressed vessel.

RUSUME WORK TOMORROW.

Schools Re-Open After Suspension for the Holiday Season.

After a suspension of ten days for the Christmas season the graded schools of the city will re-open tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock for the Spring term. The rural public schools, the Cape Fear Academy and Miss Alderman's school will also begin the Spring term tomorrow. Mr. J. J. Blair, superintendent of the city schools, returned to the city yesterday morning from his vacation, spent with relatives in the Piedmont section of the State. Prof. Seagle, principal of the High School, and Mrs. Seagle will arrive tonight, from Fayetteville where they spent the season with relatives. Many of the other members of the school faculties who spent the season out of the city have returned, and those who have not, are expected to arrive today. Mr. Blair stated last night that he was expecting a most sucessful term, both in the way of attendance and interest.

THE SOUTHERN NATIONAL.

A Gratifying New Year's Announcement, That of Yesterday.

As a greeting to its friends and the general public for the New Year, the Southern National Bank, of this city, on yesterday presented a very happy statement of its business at the close of the year 1909. Beginning less than five years ago and entering a field ably served by its competitors, this bank without the amalgamation or absorption of other interests, was able at the dawn of a New Year to give a statement of its resources and increases during the year that would do credit to many larger and older institutions. Wilmington is justly proud of its banks, both savings and National, and The Southern is one of its most progressive, conservative yet liberal, ones.

AMUSEMENTS AT THE FORT.

Delightful Entertainment Given in Gymnasium Friday Night.

The Fort Caswell Amusement Company, which organization has afforded unlimited pleasure at the post, gave a delightful entertainment in the gymnasium at the fort Friday night. The attendance was large, there being many from Southport. The entertainment consisted of vaudeville and acrobatic stunts and music by the Fort Caswell Orchestra. A special feature was the tumbling and juggling of Privates Rife, Andrews and Murphy. It was stated by a member of the company who was here yesterday that the next entertainment will be a basketball game with the Wilmington Y. M. C. A. team, followed by an elaborate dance. The date has not yet been selected.

Building Permits Issued.

The New Year was started off right in the building line, one permit being issued yesterday. That was to L. Bishop to erect a one-story, five room house on 13th, between Orange and Ann streets, at an estimated cost of $600. Two other permits have recently been issued from the office of Building Inspector H. E. Bonitz as follows: C. D. Gore, two one-story, four room houses in an alley, bounded by Orange and Ann and 11th and 12th streets, to cost $400 each; Henry Williams, two-story, five room house at 720 Hanover street to cost $750.

Claims That He Was Robbed.

According to a report made to the police yesterday morning by a white man giving his name as Moore, highway robbery was committed in a market street restaurant Friday night. He said that when he went into the restaurant he was commanded by one person to throw up his hands while another rifled his pockets of $30 in money and a $100 check. He gave only a vague account of the affair and the officers do not take much stock in his story.

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Two sure winners—

$12.50 For Domestic Patterns Coat and Pants.

$19.00 For Imported Patterns Coat and Pants.

The chance of the year is up to you to get a $20.00 to $30.00 value, made to your individual measure, for $12.50, or a $30.00 to $45.00 imported value for $19.00.

Special Sale Prices Strictly Cash. **I. SHRIER** Special Sale Prices Strictly Cash.

The Reliable Clothier and Men's Furnisher,
N. E. Corner Front and Princess Streets.

Don't Dress In the Cold

The New "Vulcan" Gas Heater will warm the bed room in a few moments.

"The Heater With the Red Cone"

The Gas Co. Sells Them

ANNUAL DINNER TO EMPLOYES.

Mr. D. L. Gore Does Handsome Thing for People of His Company.

One of the happiest of the holiday social features incident to the Christmas and New Year was the annual dinner given by Mr. D. L. Gore to the officers and employes of the D. L. Gore Company, one of Wilmington's oldest and most enterprising mercantile enterprises.

The dinner was given on New Year's eve at the hospitable home of Mr. Gore, No. 604 Dock street, which was attractively decorated for the evening, the host of the evening being in his happiest mood and extending a most cordial welcome to those who have helped him make the D. L. Gore Company great. In the party were Mr. Gore, president; Mr. L. B. Rogers, vice president; Mr. W. W. Love, secretary and treasurer; Mr. D. D. Lennon, shipping clerk; Mr. M. M. Woody, stock clerk; Mr. T. C. Munn, bookkeeper; Mr. R. B. Shepard, billing clerk; Mrs. Ed Weaver, stenographer; Mr. O. O. Whitlock, manager of the peanut department; Messrs. L. C. Hubbard, J. T. Gresham and R. H. Hubbard, traveling salesmen, while the special guests included Mrs. John H. Gore, Jr., Mrs. L. B. Rogers, Mrs. D. D. Lennon and Mr. Ed Weaver. The dinner lasted from 8 to 11 o'clock and during its progress interesting remarks, breathing the true spirit that should always exist between employer and employed, were made by the officers of the company and those in the party of guests. The past year has been a very prosperous one for the D. L. Gore Company and the dinner on Friday evening was an appropriate close to the twelvemonth.

FUNERAL OF MR. WILKINSON.

Services Held From Late Residence Yesterday Afternoon.

The funeral of Mr. John E. Wilkinson, whose death occurred last Tuesday afternoon, was held from the late residence, 714 North Fourth street, at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Thos. A. Smoot, pastor of Grace Methodist Church, assisted by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. There were present a large number of friends and relatives and the floral tributes were many and beautiful. The interment was in Oakdale cemetery, and the burial was with Pythian honors, the deceased having been a member of Stonewall Lodge, No. 1. The pall-bearers were: Honorary, Dr. J. T. Schonwald and Mr. Jesse Wilder; active, Frank LeFella, B. C. Moore, W. H. Sprunt, J. D. Kelly, Jerry Holmes and Layton L. Boone.

Supt. Blair Returns.

Mr. John J. Blair, superintendent of the Wilmington Public Schools, returned to the city yesterday from Charlotte where he has been attending the great Southern Educational Conference, the sessions of which he says were among the most successful ever held. Charlotte entertained the conference handsomely and the visitors were delighted with their entertainment in that city.

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Brief Mention, News of Societies, Meetings, etc

Miss Mary Pitt has returned from a visit to friends at Quitman, Ga.

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Miss Bessie Penny has gone to Leland, N. C., to visit friends.

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Misses Lucy and Margaret Gaylor are visiting relatives at Burgaw.

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Mrs. A. O. Brown has returned from Chicago, where she has been visiting for some time.

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Miss Katie McRae, of Rocky Mount, is visiting Mrs. L. C. LeGwin, on Orange street.

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Mr. D. W. Mason returned yesterday to his home at Waycross, Ga., after spending the holidays in this city.

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Mr. Claude W. Rankin, of Fayetteville, is spending a few days in the city, the guest of Mr. W. A. Peschau.

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Mrs. Theo. Empie will receive informally Tuesday afternoon in honor of her sister, Mrs. Stewart, of Tarboro, Canada, who is visiting her.

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Mrs. H. D. Springer has gone to New York City to visit her sisters, Mrs. W. A. Burns and Miss Beatrice A. Willis.

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Miss Sallie M. Yelverton, who has been the guest of Miss Meriel C. Craft during the holidays, returned to her home in Wilson yesterday.

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Miss Thelma Smith leaves Monday for Greensboro to resume her studies at the State Normal and Industrial Institute after spending the holidays very pleasantly at home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Walker and child and Mr. and Mrs. Frazier Glenn and two children left yesterday morning for their home in Asheville, after spending several days here, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Farmer, No. 11 North Eighth street, parents of Mesdames Walker and Glenn.

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Dr. and Mrs. Charles T. Harper and daughter, Miss Jessie, have returned from an extended visit to Mrs. Harper's former home in Baltimore. Dr. Harper having pursued special studies in medicine while away. They are at home at their residence, No. 508 South Front street.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. A. French leave this morning for Lynchburg, Va., where on Wednesday they will attend the marriage of Miss Hattie French, continuing their journey later to Boston, Mass., where they will spend some weeks, Mr. French on business for the shoe house of George R. French & Son.

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Mr. Charles B. Newcombe and bride, nee Miss Hattie Sue Hale, daughter of the Rev. Dr. Fred D. Hale, formerly pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, arrived during the past week from Dallas, Texas, and were most cordially received by their hundreds of friends here. They will keep house at No. 608 Dock street.

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The dancing school of Mr. F. W. Dock, which has been a source of much pleasure to the young people during the past three months, will reopen tomorrow after suspension for the holidays. It is the purpose of Mr. Dock to give a series of very pretty special dances during the remainder of the season in connection with his classes, a full orchestra being used on these occasions.

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There was not a very large crowd at the Cape Fear Golf Club links yesterday but there was great interest among those who were present. The ladies' event scheduled for the afternoon was postponed until next Saturday. The contest between Messrs. A. S. Williams and R. H. Gwaltney to decide a tie between them for second prize in the Thanksgiving Tournament will also come off next Saturday, provided Mr. Williams consents to play under the conditions prescribed by the greens committee. Beginning at 10:30 o'clock the men's handicap was played yesterday morning and in the afternoon the "kicker's handicap" was played. The scores had not been worked out last night.

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Attractive, printed invitations have been received by members of Wilmington Lodge No. 532, B. P. O. Elks, as follows:

Wilmington Lodge No. 532, B. P. O. Elks

We are arranging to hold a meeting of The Association of Good Fellowship, at our Temple

Tuesday Evening, January 4th, 1910, at 9 o'clock, is the happy moment.

We will look for you with a large welcome, and for the privilege of extending the same we ask your attendance.

Very truly,

D. R. Foster, John S. McEachern, J. Holmes Davis, G. V. Harrell, Com.

Louis Goodman, Exalted Ruler.

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MISS OLIVIA WILLIAMS AND MR. DAVID C. KING WED.

Mr. David C. King and Miss Olivia Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Williams, of Brunswick county, were united in marriage at the parsonage of Bladen Street Methodist church at 9 o'clock last night, Rev. W. L. Rexford performing the ceremony. There were present only a few intimate friends of the couple. Mr. King is one of the yard locomotive engineers of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad in this city and is a most popular young man, enjoying the confidence and esteem of a large circle of friends. His bride is a most attractive young lady and has many friends in Wilmington, where she has made her home for some time. She wore blue silk with hat to match. Mr. and Mrs. King will reside at 414 Red Cross street.

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ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION OF Y. M. C. A.

Surpassing in every way all former occasions of the kind, the annual New Year's reception of the Y. M. C. A. proved a most pleasurable affair for a large number of the people of Wilmington. The association kept "open house" all day yesterday. Many called during the day, especially in the afternoon, and received the warmest welcome from the officers, who were on hand to greet them. The formal reception did not occur until last night at which time a most enjoyable programme was rendered. The audience was large and the various numbers were well received. The exercises began at 8:30 o'clock, Dr. Joseph Akerman, president of the association, in the chair. He made a brief address of welcome in which he spoke of the achievements of the association during the past year and expressed the hope that greater things would be accomplished in 1910. He urged members present to put forth a special effort for the association work in order that the greatest measure of success might be theirs.

The programme was as follows: Vocal solo, Miss Lydia Post; violin obligato, Miss Ida Exall, Miss Julia Post playing the accompaniment; piano solo, Miss Lina DeRosset; vocal solo, Mr. N. J. Beverson, Prof. Geo. L. Johnson playing the accompaniment; recitation, Miss Mary Houston; vocal solo, Miss Lucile Riley, Miss Lottie Craig playing the accompaniment; vocal solo, Mr. N. J. Beverson, Prof. Johnson playing the accompaniment. Each and every number on the programme was well received by the large audience and those who took part well merited the applause that was given them. For the most part the programme represents the younger talent of the city.

Following the rendition of the programme Dr. Joseph Akerman presented Mr. L. D. Latta, secretary of the Yoke Fellows' Band, who in a few appropriate remarks presented to Mr. R. F. Coleman, president of the auxiliary organization, a beautiful copy of the New Testament and Psalms as a token of the esteem of the members of the Yoke Fellows and of the interest they have in his future welfare. The gift was accepted by Mr. Coleman in a happy speech. Mr. Coleman will leave in the near future for college, where he will prepare himself for the Baptist ministry.

Refreshments, consisting of cake and ice cream, were then served the guests by the Woman's Auxiliary under the direction of Mrs. Mitt Moore and Mrs. George Leftwich. They were assisted by a number of young ladies. The rooms of the association were most artistically decorated, the colors scheme of red and green being most effectively carried out. The decorations were arranged under the direction of Mrs. L. A. Blue.

At 10:30 o'clock the pleasant affair came to an end, the guests, in departing, declaring it to have been the most enjoyable affair ever attended at the Y. M. C. A. which is saying much.

DEATH AT FORT CASWELL.

Wife of Private William Wilson Passed Away Friday of Fever.

The body of Mrs. Ida Wilson, wife of Private Wm. Wilson, whose death occurred at Fort Caswell Friday morning at 3 o'clock, was brought through this city yesterday afternoon en route to Rocky Point, the old home of the deceased, where the funeral and interment will take place. Mrs. Wilson was Miss Ida Williams before her marriage last Summer and was about 18 years old. She was taken ill 18 days ago with typhoid fever, which caused her death. With her when the end came were her husband and mother, the latter having been summoned to her bedside several days ago. Her husband is a member of the 19th Company Coast Artillery and went to Fort Caswell from Jacksonville, Fla., some months ago. The body was brought to this city on the steamer Wilmington and conveyed to the union station, whence it was taken on the 7 o'clock train last evening to Rocky Point. Accompanying the remains besides the grief stricken husband and mother was a detail of the 19th company, namely, Corporal F. J. White, Privates H. Burress, C. C. O'Branion, E. Weir, L. Doncon and R. Craig, who acted as pallbearers to the union station.

Gone for Prisoner.

Constable W. B. Savage left yesterday afternoon for Waycross, Ga., to bring to this city Charley D. Tew, young white man, wanted on the charge of seduction. The officer learned yesterday that Tew would come without requisition papers. He expects to arrive on the late train tonight with his prisoner and the trial may be held tomorrow before Justice Bornemann. It is understood that Tew has employed two local attorneys to defend him.

Disturbing Public Meeting.

On a warrant from Justice George Harriss, Neal Brewington, colored, was arrested yesterday morning by Constable N. B. Chadwick, of Cape Fear township, on the charge of disturbing a public meeting at Castle Haynes on Christmas night. It is alleged that the negro made merry by firing a gun in the building in which the meeting was being held. He gave $50 bond for his appearance at trial January 8th.

Meeting at Boys' Brigade Armory.

The regular Sunday afternoon meeting at the Boys' Brigade armory at 4:30 P. M. today will be addressed by Rev. W. A. Snyder, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church. The hours will permit all who desire to do so to attend the laymen's mass meeting at the Academy, but it is especially desired that all young men who can do so, attend the meeting at the armory.

At the Bijou Tomorrow.

"The Mountaineer's Honor," "The Patient From Punkville" and "Adonis is Robbed of His Clothes" are the titles of the pictures which will be shown at the Bijou theatre tomorrow. The first named is a story of the Kentucky hills and is most interestingly told. The other two are equally as attractive and the theatre will doubtless be crowded at each performance.

Simple Remedy for LaGrippe.

LaGrippe coughs are dangerous, as they frequently develop into pneumonia. Foley's Honey and Tar not only stops the cough, but heals and strengthens the lungs so that no serious results need be feared. The genuine Foley's Honey and Tar contains no harmful drugs and is in a yellow package. Robt. R. Bellamy.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mrs. F. L. Brown, of Southport, was among the guests at The Orton yesterday.

—Mr. E. M. Dewey, of Goldsboro, spent yesterday in the city, a guest at The Orton.

—Mr. Henry C. Strauss, of New York, arrived last night and is a guest at The Orton.

—Among last night's arrivals at The Orton were J. I. Williamson and T. S. Memory, of Whiteville.

—Among yesterday's guests at The Orton were Hon. John E. Fowler, of Clinton, and R. S. Bond, of Rowland.

—Among yesterday's arrivals at The Orton were J. J. McKay and A. F. Jones, of Whiteville, and G. L. Edgerton, of Goldsboro.

—Mr. C. E. Mason, of Charlotte, who will be one of the speakers at the Laymen's meeting at the Academy this afternoon, arrived on the late Seaboard train last night and is a guest at The Orton.

—Mr. James F. Moore, of Currie, is in the city on a brief business trip, the first since the recent sad death of his brother, Mr. A. C. Moore, and many Wilmington friends are taking occasion to extend to him their heartfelt sympathy in his bereavement. Two brothers were perhaps never more tenderly devoted to one another.

LOCAL DOTS.

—There was no session of the Recorder's court yesterday, the officials taking holiday.

—On account of the meeting at the Academy of Music there will be no men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. this afternoon.

—The Register of Deeds office at the Court House was open yesterday, but there were no deeds filed for record and no marriage licenses issued.

—On account of the New Year holiday yesterday no local or telegraphic market news is published in today's paper.

—Deputy Sheriff A. T. Piver returned yesterday morning from Goldsboro, where he went Friday to take to the asylum there Sallie Melvin, colored, adjudged insane several days ago.

—The fire alarm at 2:55 o'clock yesterday afternoon from box 114 was on account of a small blaze in the house owned and occupied by Fred Johnson, colored, 620 Bladen street. The fire was caused from fireworks and the flames were confined to the window curtains.

PALMER WRECK ILLUSTRATED.

Pictures of Disaster on Frying Pan Shoals in Shipping Weekly.

The issue of December 18th of "Shipping Illustrated," carries three splendid scenes of the wreck of the schooner Marie Palmer as she lay grounded on Frying Pan shoals, a few days before she went to pieces recently, and a detail story of the disaster.

The first view was taken soon after the schooner stranded, showing the bow of the vessel looking aft, with the tugs Sea King and Blanche lying longside. The second shows the big vessel looking aft from the fore mast and the last one shows her after she had been stripped and the waves were breaking over her. The only person to be seen in the photographs is Capt. Chaney, the master of the ill-fated vessel. These pictures were taken by Capt. J. S. Williams, who was in command of the tug Sea King when she responded from this port to assist the vessel.

The story of the wreck in the weekly lays stress on the fact that the schooner had been safe in port and was proceeding in tow for repairs elsewhere when wrecked. The Marie Palmer was a four-master of over a thousand tons, and some idea of her size is given in the illustrations

MRS. ELIZABETH STYRON DEAD.

Passed Away at Early Hour This Morning at Her Home.

Friends will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Styron, widow of the late W. H. Styron, which occurred at 2:40 o'clock this morning at her home, No. 818 Dock street, in the 55th year of her age. Mrs. Styron had been an invalid for several years and while her death was not unexpected, it came as a sad realization to family and friends.

There are surviving four sons and four daughters, Messrs. W. H., Harry, Arthur and James Styron, and Misses Ida, Charlotte, Bertha Styron and Mrs. W. G. Croom, of Burgaw. The funeral will be held from the residence at 10 A. M. Monday by Rev. T. A. Smoot, pastor of Grace M. E. church, and the interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

THE SCHOOL FUND.

County Board of Education Will Make Apportionment Tomorrow.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education tomorrow the semi-annual apportionment of the school fund will be made or rather the task will be commenced. The apportionment is, of course, based on the school census, which this year shows that there are 7,693 children in the county between the ages of six and 21 years, the great majority of whom live in the city. County Treasurer H. McL. Green will make a report of the amount of money available and then the board will begin the task of apportioning to each district the amount it is entitled to, according to the census. The work may not be completed Monday and if not will be taken up again at an adjourned session.

Supreme Regent May Come.

Mr. Clovis H. Bowen, of Pawtucket, R. I., Supreme Regent of the Royal Arcanum, has acknowledged the receipt of an invitation from Grand Regent H. E. Boniiz to be present at the anniversary celebration of Cornelius Harnett Council on January 10th. He stated that he would come to Wilmington on that date if possible and congratulated the Grand Regent on the splendid work of the order in this jurisdiction.

Monday, January 3rd.

All deposits made with The People's Savings Bank on or before Monday, January 3rd, will bear interest from January 1st, receiving credit for Three Months Interest April 1st.

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A SEVERE EARTHQUAKE

Recorded by the Seismographs at the Weather Bureau Yesterday.

Wahington, Jan. 1.—The following official bulletin was issued by Willis L. Moore, chief of the weather bureau:

"An unusually strong earthquake at a moderate distance was recorded by the seismographs at the weather bureau this morning at 6 hours, 4 minutes and 38 seconds A. M., 75th meridian time. The second preliminary tremors began at 6 hours, 3 minutes and 52 seconds, and the strong motion just three minutes later. The amplitude of the motion was unusually great, causing the pen to pass off the record sheet in some cases. The origin is estimated to have been at a distance about 2,060 miles from Washington and probably to the south of southwest."

The suggestion that the earthquake may have been in the vicinity of Panama, based merely on calculation as to the approximate distance as indicated on the seismograph, caused great interest among officials here. Those at the Isthmian canal and insular offices of the government had received no messages from Panama indicating any disturbance in that section.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 1.—The seismograph of the St. Louis University recorded an earthquake which began at 5:06:42 o'clock this morning. The shock continued 34 minutes and 30 seconds, the greatest oscillation occurring at 5:10. The principal motion was from east to west.

New York, Jan. 1.—No intimation of any seismograph disturbance on or near the Isthmus of Panama had been received by the Central and South American Cables Company over its wires up to 2:40 o'clock today. At that hour its cable to Colon was working without interruption and five minutes previously a message had been received from Panama which failed to make mention of any hapening out of the unusual in that territory.

Mexico City, Jan. 1.—An earthquake was reported to the weather bureau from Diccio Chicao in the province of Quintana Roo, Yucatan, today, as having occurred at 4:25 A. M., and lasting 20 seconds. It was followed by a second shock of less severity at 4:50.

It is not known here whether serious damage was done.

ALLEGED BRIDGE DYNAMITERS.

Five Men Arrested in Baltimore—Would Blow Up Railroad Bridge.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 1.—Detectives today arrested Walter H. Ames, 49 years old, who is one of the vice presidents of the International Association of Machinists in connection with the bridge dynamiting case.

Tonight a fifth man was placed under arrest. He is Harry D. Madden, 25 years old. As a striker he has been doing picket duty, and he also from time to time acted as janitor of the headquarters of the strikers. The detectives say he has confessed to lighting the fuse of the bomb placed under the Baltimore & Ohio bridge last night and also that on the strength of a note given him by Zimmerman and another of the men under arrest, he secured 25 pounds of dynamite and 100 feet of fuse from H. H. Meyers, 110 South Howard street, which he took to the house of Charles Gruber, 636 South Fremont street.

Here detectives afterward found 21 1-2 pounds of the explosive. Madden said that in placing and setting off the bomb under the bridge last night he acted upon instructions given him by Zimmerman, who was with him at the time. Madden will be given a hearing later.

DIAZ GREETED VISITORS.

New Year Scene at Palace of Chief Executive of Mexico.

Mexico City, Jan. 1.—Hundreds of people called at the National palace between 10 and 12 o'clock today to felicitate President Diaz, that event being the usual New Year's reception of the chief executive of Mexico. The President received in the yellow room, accompanied by all of his Cabinet and members of his staff.

At 11:30 the diplomats began to arrive at the palace. They entered the reception room in a body. All the secretaries of the American embassy were present.

A comprehensive review of what has been accomplished in Mexico during 1909 was offered by Minister Rivero, of Cuba, in an address expressing the felicitations of the diplomatic corps to the President.

Minister Rivero referred to the hospitality extended by Mexico to foreigners and the encouragement of foreign capital.

President Diaz was visibly affected and replied in appropriate words, thanking Mr. Rivero and wishing a happy and prosperous new year as well as progress and prosperity to the executives of the nations represented here and to the representatives as well.

PRIEST ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Shot Himself at Grand Union Hotel in New York.

New York, Jan. 1.—The Rev. Richard C. Crogan, an elderly Roman Catholic priest, of West Hartford, Conn., attempted suicide by shooting at the Grand Union Hotel today. Attendants who hurried to his room at the sound of a revolver shot were admitted by Father Grogan, who, despite the serious bullet wound near the right temple, calmly explained that he had a "brain storm" and had sought to end his life. He said he could give no particular motive for his act. Father Grogan will recover.

FIRE IN ATLANTA.

Plant of Marble Company Destroyed Entailing Loss of $150,000.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 1.—The plant of the Kennesaw Marble Company, located at Marietta, 20 miles from this city, was destroyed by fire this afternoon. The loss is estimated at $150,000 partly covered by insurance. The plant was located some distance outside of the town and was without fire protection.

Will Practice His Specialty.

Dr. Charles T. Harper has returned from Baltimore and New York where he has been taking special work during the past four months and in the future will confine his practice largely to genito-urinary and rectal diseases. Dr. Harper devoted much time to a study of these diseases and has equipped himself with all the latest devices for the surgical operations necessary in his practice.

Fragrant, Fruity Scuppernong Wine

Bear's Scuppernong Wine, has in its way, made North Carolina famous. No other native or foreign wine compares with this home product

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—in its lightness in alcohol,

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FLEET COMING SOUTH.

Will Prepare to Leave New York Today for Winter Maneuvers.

New York, Jan. 1.—The Atlantic fleet will be in New York only five days longer. Preparations for the departure for Southern waters will begin tomorrow. All of the furloughs, of which more than 10,000 were granted this Christmas, will expire Monday.

That the new scheme of the Navy Department in making the Christmas holidays a season of good cheer for the men has proved a success is generally admitted. There seems little doubt that the custom will now become a permanent one, and New York City may be the Christmas port of all the battleships and armored cruisers of the Atlantic fleet.

SCHOOL RAISED $50,000.

Like Amount Contributed to Martha Berry School at Rome, Ga.

Rome, Ga., Jan. 1.—Announcement was made today by officers of the Martha Berry school, of this city, that they had raised $50,000, an amount necessary to secure an aditional $50,000 contributed by Mrs. Russell Sage and Andrew Carnegie. The $100,000 will be used as an endowment fund for the school which is operated for the education of the mountain boys of North Georgia and Alabama.

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SORE THROAT

often leads to something worse. Gowan's Preparation gives quick relief for sore throat, hoarseness, croup, colds and pneumonia by destroying inflammation and congestion. Keep it in the home for emergencies. External and penetrating. $1.00, 50c, 25c. All druggists.

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HAVE US FILL IT.

We fill teeth and make them good as new. Don't wait till you have a "swelled jaw," but come now—today.

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First Performance Tomorrow (Monday) Afternoon.

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This Week

All Coat Suits and Furs will be sold at cost.

NEW ARRIVALS

On display this week, Ginghams, Percales and Calicoes. Beautiful Table Linens.

Agent for Black Cat Hosiery, American Lady Corsets and Butterick's Patterns.

Out-of-town orders will receive prompt attention.

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—SPECIAL SALE—

One lot of odds and ends of Men's colored Top Shirts, Soft and Stiff bosom. Real value of this lot of Shirts $1 and $1.50 each, Reduced to

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MARKET QUOTATIONS

The Latest Reports From the Important Trading Centers and From Local Dealers.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Jan. 1.

Holiday, no markets.

PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith Dec. 18th.)

PEANUTS—North Carolina prime 65@70; extra prime, 72 1-2; fancy 75@80c; Virginia, prime 65@70; extra prime 75@80s; Spanish $1.00@$1.05.

CORN—Firm 90@95c per bushel for mixed.

N. C. HAMS—Good demand; old hams 18c; shoulders 14@15; sides 14@15c.

EGGS—Dull 27c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Spring 20@30; grown 35@40c; scarce.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2c per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Good demand at 2@3 1-2c per pound on foot.

HIDE—Dr. flint 14c; green 9c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Good demand 55@60c per bushel for new yams.

WOOL—Burr 18c.; free of burr 24c.

CHEESE—50@55 per head.

PORK—Small 10c per pound; large 9c.

SHEEP—Old no demand; Lambs, dull $1.25@2.50.

TURKEYS—Good demand 15@16c on foot; dressed 18@22c.

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Chas. J. Dumas, 605 tons, Curtis, C. D. Mafflt.

Blanche (Br.) 165 tons, Albury, Springer Coal Company.

Lottie R. Russell, 266 tons, James, C. D. Mafflt.

Julia P. Cole, 419 tons Small, C. D. Mafflt.

THE SITUATION IN COTTON

Precedents Set at Naught During the Year—Attitude of Spinners—Outlook for 1910 as Seen by Rountree & Co.

New York, Jan. 1.—Precedents have been set at naught during the past year. The teachings of 40 years in the cotton business would indicate that the first rush of receipts must inevitably cause a sharp decline in prices. Nothing of the kind occurred this year.

The quantity brought into sight weekly was, for a time, extraordinarily large. It had little effect, and that only for the moment. Prices, too, have reached an altitude not attained in some 35 years, with the single exception of the Sully year. This has been the result of an admittedly short crop in this country and also in Egypt, co-incident with a revival of trade in this country following the panic of 1907-08.

The crop is estimated by the Government at only 10,088,000 bales, while the world's consumption is estimated at anywhere from 13,000,000 to 13,500,000. The fact has been mightily trumpeted that spinners at homeand abroad were curtailing production. Undoubtely there has been some curtailment, but quite as certainly it has been overstated. An English authority the other day frankly said that, with the exception of last year, when the world's takings were unprecedentedly large, the takings of the world today are the heaviest ever known, not only in America, but in Lancashire and on the Continent.

It is certain that prices, in spite of the stories of curtailment, in spite of outcries against the price of raw material, in spite of threats of Federal legislation inimical to trading in cotton futures, have continued to advance. Under such circumstances it is difficult to resist the conviction that there is something behind the advance besides speculative manipulation. Such manipulation has, undoubtedly, played an important part at times in the past. Of late, however, the fact has become sufficiently clear that spinners are at last aroused from their lethargy, and, alarmed by the outlook, have been buying more freely, not only of actual cotton, but of futures.

Leading operators on the bull side, with their following, have liquidated from time to time, or, at any rate, considerably reduced their holdings, and the result has been that on the whole, the long interest has been less unwieldy this season than in perhaps most of the bull campaigns of the past. Profiting by the experience of others in the past, the leaders have from time to time taken profits, and thus fortified themselves against the time when the market might need support. And this is the technical position of the market today.

Liquidation during the past week has been heavy. At the same time, the legitimate demand for cotton has apparently increased to such an extent that purely legitimate influences now play a more important part in the market than they have for some time past. The price is undoubtedly high, but it may turn out that the season of 1909-10 is to be a maker of precedents, not a follower of precedents. Precedents have been made from time to time in the past. A new precedent may be making now. We appear to be on the threshold of some years of prosperity, as a natural rebound from the panic. The panic is in the past. The country is facing the new day, a day of better things. Prices of various commodities during the past ten years have been raised more or less, not only by the facts of supply and demand affecting various staples, but also by the world's increase in the supply of gold, which President Taft, and other thinkers, believe has played its part in advancing the cost of various kinds of merchandise. Cotton would naturally participate in the effects of an increased money supply of the world.

In addition, we raise 65 to 70 per cent. of the world's cotton, giving us something approaching a monopoly of the world's cotton culture. Our crop this year is short. There is every reason to expect a very large consumption, coincident with the return of prosperous times, of which we see indications on every hand. No doubt, undue excitement may, at times, carry the price up too rapidly. Certainly, of late, the advance has been rather too continuous, it would seem, to be healthy, and a sharp, temporary reaction at any time would not be surprising.

The next acreage, moreover, will undoubtedly be very large, and should the yield promise to be bountiful the effects might be anticipated long before the crop could be marketed. That might conceivably mean a sharp decline in prices some time during the year 1910, although some believe that there is too much tendency just now to jump to conclusions, that the next crop is to be enormous, and too general a disposition to sell it short. The result of such selling might easily be quite the reverse of remunerative. But in the meantime, to come back, the situation, as it confronts us today, the inexorable operation of the law of supply and demand, always supposing that the crop is as small, and the consumption as large, as most people anticipate, must bring about some further advance in prices, be it small or great. It is of interest to note that the quantity thus far brought into sight this season is 7,401,789 bales, against 9,185,599 bales during the same time last year, and 6,704,172 the year before The visible supply of all kinds of cotton in the world is 4,888,800 bales against 5,448,097 a year ago. The above includes 3,896,800 of American against 4,568,812 last year.

We extend to our friends everywhere, the heartiest wishes for a Happy New Year, and an ample participation in the prosperity which the year 1910 seems likely to bring to our country.

Your friends,

R. H. ROUNTREE & CO.

SUPPORT CONSERVATION.

Committee From Daughters of American Revolution Make Appeal.

Washington, Jan. 1.—The conservation committee of the Daughters of the American Revolution appeals to every member of its organization and to all patriotic women to begin the new year with a determination to use all honorable means to support the conservation measures being carried out all over the country.

That is the keynote of what might be called a resume of the first few month's work of the conservation committee of the organization, which is composed of members from every State and territory in the Union.

Conservation of all of Americas resources is the concensus of the sentiment of the governors of sixteen States and territories who were asked to answer the questions, "What is the especial need of conservation in your State?" and "How many women help?"

The replies of the Governors outline a definite comprehensive plan of action, which would seem capable of producing results. The conservation committee realizes that the support of any measure to be effective must be intelligent; and to this end a conservation bulletin will be started and will be sent out every two or three weeks to the public and private schools of the country in the hope that the fundamentals of conservation may find root there. It will be the principal aim to get the bulletin into the hands of people who do not see the daily papers, and in that way teach the principle of conservation where it could not be taught otherwise. The conservation committee of the D. A. R., was last April at the Continental Congress made a national committee.

The replies of the governors indicate perhaps some difference of application, but the principle of conservation is there. In Connecticut, the particular interest leans to the prevention of pollution of streams and preservation of forests. Governor Gilchrist, of Florida, emphasized the protection of song and plume birds. Protection of the forests is the thing needed in Idaho, said Governor Brady, and the women of that State have manifested a great interest in the work.

Governor Carroll, of Iowa, thought the efforts of the women towards conservation might well be turned to the establishing of better social relations in the rural districts and to a promotion of the general welfare of the agricultural opportunities of the State. Kentucky as a whole is not engaged in conservation work, wrote Governor Wilson, but she is the largest contributor to public schools in the United States. Governor Fernald, of Maine, endorsed the educational feature of the work.

Governor Warner, of Michigan, said: "If he had done nothing else to win the gratitude of his country, the fame of Roosevelt would be secure because of the impetus he gave the cause of conservation."

The reclamation of overflowed lands in Mississippi is one of the needs of that State where conservation can play a part, wrote Governor Noel. Improvement of the waterways, conservation of forests, conservation of water power and the building of good roads, are all subjects for the conservation movement, Governor Hadley, of Missouri, said.

Legal Holiday.

As no business will be transacted by the banks of the city New Year's Day, all deposits made with the People's Savings Bank, on Monday, January 3rd, will bear interest from January 1st, receiving credit for the interest due April 1st. ja 1-2t.

Regular Interest Period.

At the People's Savings Bank January 1st. Deposits made on or before March the 3rd, will bear interest from the 1st. Dec. 31-3t

WEEK'S DOINGS IN ROBESON

Elizabethtown Railroad Stockholders Meet—Bell Telephone Company Acquires Exchange—Changes New Year Has Brought.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Lumberton, Jan. 1.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Lumberton & Elizabethtown Railroad Company held today, the following directors were elected: Geo. B. McLeod, A. H. McLeod, Alph H. McLeod, Gen. F. A Bond, W. P. McAllister and J. A. McDougald. After the organization had been perfected Mr. Geo. B. McLeod was elected president; Gen. F. A. Bond, first vice president; W. P. McAllister, second vice president; A. H. McLeod, secretary;; Alpheus H. McLeod, treasurer; J. A. McDougald, general manager. The civil engineers who began work two or three weeks ago are expected to return from their holiday vacations Tuesday night and finish the work at once, having the permanent line located in a very few days.

The Lumberton telephone exchange is now the property of the Bell people, they having purchased and paid for the plant, and the business was transferred to that company this morning. The office will remain in the White & Gough building but will be moved into the rooms on the north side of the building formerly occupied as law offices. The space at present occupied by the telephone exchange will be used by Messrs. White & Gough as a part of the second floor of their store. It is presumed that Lumberton will now have long distance service.

Thursday morning Mr. E. B. Freeman discovered that his gold fish had frozen stiff during the night and to all appearances were dead. When they were removed from the passage into a warm room they soon showed signs of life and in a short time were as lively as ever.

The coal and wood people and the plumbers are now having a picnic, and all are busy hauling fuel or repairing bursted water pipes.

The cold wave struck this section in full force, the thermometer registering 15 degrees above Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Mrs. A. H. Currie and Miss Daisy Courtney, who have been very sick for some weeks are now improving.

We were told last night of a gentleman residing near town, who last winter invested $82.30 in pigs, from which he has sold pork enough to bring him $89.62, and still has on hand enough to sell to bring $85 to $100. These hogs have been raised on a lot enclosed by 100 yards of wire fencing. The stock law is the real thing.

Messrs. Musselwhite Bros. have sold their stock of groceries to Mr. W. A. McLeod, and Messrs Fillyaw and Son have sold their grocery and fresh meat business to Mr. A. B. Fisher.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Bryan, of Taft, S. C., were Lumberton visitors yesterday. While in this vicinity they are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Wishart. Mr. Bryan has served his county—Williamsburg—for four consecutive terms in the lower house of the South Carolina Legislature, and his friends say he must go to the Senate next time, and we venture the assertion that in that body of lawmakers there will be none of finer personal appearance than Mr. Bryan.

Mr. R. W. Shelby has resigned his position as salesman with Mr. H. Dupie and accepted a similar position with Mr. A. Weinstein.

The new year finds the business men and farmers in this section in the best condition for several years, with bright prospects along all lines.

The railroad people report an unusually heavy holiday travel, but the trains are on remarkably good time all things being considered.

Mr. Rexford Stephens, for several years a faithful compositor on the Robesonian, has resigned and will leave for Raleigh where he will enter King's Business College.

The Confederate monument on the court house square has been enclosed by a beautiful iron fence which adds much to the already handsome appearance of the monument. The fence was erected partly by the county and partly by the Veteran Association of Robeson county—from private subscriptions to the monument fund paid in since its completion. Of the latter amount $25 was paid by the Red Springs Chapter. U. D. C. Ex-Judge T. A. McNeill is chairman and Mr. J. A. McAllister secretary and treasurer of the Veteran Association. Much credit is due Mr. McAllister for the interest he has shown from start to finish of the monument and finally of the handsome fence surrounding it.

In an office yesterday we noticed four of the most popular young men in town "measuring up" to see which was the tallest, and it was learned that the combined height of the four was 24 feet and 8 inches; weight 616 pounds, and age 91 years. The young men referred to were Messrs Woodie Lennon, David Fuller, Winford and Edward Whaley.

Mr. C. P. Stephens, residing two miles from town, who has been confined to his home for some time by sickness, is improving.

The Lumberton police force is certainly to be congratulated on the splendid order which prevailed during the Christmas holidays. While there were barrels and barrels of booze in every direction very few people got ugly or showed any disposition to give trouble. If a fellow wanted to get gay he was warned in plain terms, and as a result we have heard of only one or two little fist fights. Any town can have a good police service if the mayor will stand by his men as Mayor Rowland does.

Mr. Davis Fairfax returned Tuesday from Fair Bluff where he was called on account of the death of his father, who died Christmas eve and was buried Christmas day.

"Along the Kennebec" is the next attraction at the Opera House being advertised to appear here next Thursday night, January 6th. This show has been to Lumberton before and will doubtless draw a large crowd.

Watch night services were held last night at the Methodist and Gospel Tabernacle churches. The old year was rung out and the new rung in by the bell at the Methodist church.

The Spring term of the Lumberton graded school will open Tuesday, January 4th.

If the usual custom is followed a large crowd may be expected in town Monday, as the first Monday in the New Year always brings many people from all sections of the county.

Quite a large crowd of shoppers, ladies and gentlemen, arrived on the early morning train. Bladen people know where to get what they want and when they have railroad facilities from Elizabethtown Lumberton people will do all in their power to make it to the advantage of their neighbors to come often.

By the change of schedule which goes into effect on the Seaboard tomorrow night, train 30 will pass Lumberton at 6:27 instead of 5:51 as at present. No other trains are effected.

RANGE EXPLODED.

Cook Knocked Out, But No Damage Done.

(News and Observer.)

Statesville, N. C., Dec. 31.—The "water back" of the range of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Caldwell's kitchen—the portion of the range through which water passed to be heated—exploded early yesterday morning and the range was demolished and other kitchen furniture damaged. The negro servant who started the fire in the stove and who was standing nearby when the explosion occurred, was knocked down by the shock, but was not hurt. The fire in the stove was scattered about the room, but at the same time the water pipes were bursted and before the floor caught fire the burning embers were extinguished by the water which flooded the room. Frozen water pipes were responsible for the explosion.

B. & L. AT WADESBORO.

Stockholders Met and Organized For Business.

Wadesboro, N. C., Dec. 31.—The stockholders of the Wadesboro Building & Loan Association met this afternoon and organized by electing the following board of directors: John W. Gulledge, Esq., T. F. Jones, P. B. Matheson, B. G. Covington, W. N. Jeans, J. W. Odom, W. F. Ledbetter, J. F. Allen and J. G. Boylin.

The board of directors met immediately and elected T. F. Jones, president; W. N. Jeans, vice president; John W. Gulledge, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Gulledge was also elected attorney for the association. The association starts off with bright prospects, the capital stock being $31,000.

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

Advertisements inserted under this head one cent per word for each insertion but no advertisement taken for less than 25c. Additional words, more than 25, one cent per word. Unless the advertiser has a regular account, all advertisements under this head are STRICTLY CASH IN ADVANCE, the amounts being too small to warrant a charge. The Star will send without charge, A. D. T. (Western Union) Messenger to any address in the city for advertisements in this department upon request by 'Phone to No. 51. A. D. T. Messenger will also call for telegrams for the Western Union Telegraph Co., or for notes or small packages to be delivered anywhere in the city. No charge for the telegrams but a small charge for strictly A. D. T. calls. For this service call Western Union, 'Phone No. 2. But for advertisements always call the Star office No. 51. Copy for Business Locals cannot be taken over the telephone but upon request Messenger will be dispatched to any part of the city for them.

YOU COULD NOT make a better or more profitable New Year resolution than to investigate the results obtained from money invested in Wilmington real estate. First, make the resolution. Second, consult J. G. Wright & Son, who by long experience and modern methods have qualified as experts. They will take pleasure in talking to you, take you out to the property and finance all trades for you. Call and be convinced. J. G. Wright & Son. ja 2 3t

DANCING SCHOOL TO RESUME—The dancing school of F. W. Dock will re-open Monday night, January 3rd, at old Red Men's Hall, 117 1-2 South Front street. Regular lessons Monday and Friday nights; private lessons on Wednesday nights under personal direction of Mr. Dock. Series of special dances of unique nature during coming season. Piano and drum on class nights and orchestra for special dances. ja 2 1t

WANTED—To Borrow $5,000 on improved city real estate. Good security. Address Loan P. O. Box 568, Wilmington, N. C. ja 2 1t*

SIDE LINE TRAVELING SALESMEN Make $30 to $50 weekly handling our advertising fans. Liberal terms. Apply at once. U. S. Calendar Co., Cincinnati. ja 2 1t*

DESIRABLE FURNISHED ROOM, near Fourth and Chesnut streets, for rent reasonably. Address M. X. care Star. ja 1 3t

ONE LARGE furnished, one unfurnished room adjoining, in desirable location, for rent reasonably. References exchanged. Address "L. M. F.", General Delivery, City. ja 2 1t

TO THE INVESTMENT SEEKER—We can offer you a real estate deal that will pay 14 1-2 per cent. on $2,500. Property is located in the best mill section of the city on macadamized street. It will pay you to investigate an opportunity like this. J. G. Wright & Son, No. 124 Princess street. Sole Agents. ja 2 3t

INVESTOR—We have for sale three small tenant houses in good condition, located on Nixon, between Fourth and Seventh streets, $400 cash, balance in six years. J. G. Wright & Son, 124 Princess street. ja 2 3t

NOTICE TO MY FRIENDS AND THE PUBLIC—I am back at the same old stand where I will appreciate your patronage. Come all. 121 and 123 Princess street. D. L. T. Capps. ja 2 1f

I WILL TRY to please all with the best of Cigars, tobacco, cigarettes, near beer and cold drinks. Seven pool tables running at 2 1-2 cents per cue. D. L. T. Capps. ja 2 1f

SMALL BOY WANTED at Wilmington Shoe Company, Fourth and Campbell streets. ja 2 1t

THE BEAUTY SHOP buys combings and cut hair, gives you a new face by massage while you wait, shampoos, bobs children's hair and makes switches, puffs, curls and chignons. ja 2 1t*

FOR RENT—Three furnished rooms on first floor for light housekeeping, use of bath and phone, also one large room for couple; good location. Address Box 523. ja 2 1t*

WANTED—A bright young man in shipping department. An opportunity for promotion. Apply at once, Klustein Bros., Front and Grace streets. ja 2 1t

FOR SALE—Near beer stand at a bargain, No. 15 Market street. Address P. O. Box 501 or call at No. 15 Market street. ja 2 1t*

HAPPY NEW YEAR—To our friends, customers and the public. Palace Market. Phone No. 72. ja 2 1f

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

THE WIRELESS TELEPHONE which has been exhibited at various places in the city for the past few days, can be seen either at Jarman's Drug Store or the Junction Restaurant by anyone wishing to examine it. ja 2 3t

WANTED—Ambitious young man to become traveling salesman. Experience unnecessary. Bradstreet System, Dept. No. 577, Rochester, N. Y. ja 2 1 6 3t

FOR RENT—Flat of three rooms, $15 per month or $6 a piece for furnished rooms. Apply 514 North Second street. ja 2 1t

SALESMAN to sell white goods and dress goods from factory to retailer, strong side line. Liberal commission. Bryn Mawr Mills, Philadelphia, Pa. ja 2 1t*

PRACTICAL TAILORING in all its branches. Formerly located next to A. C. L. Railroad offices. Now in my new stand, 149 Princess street, South building second floor. See my nice line of piece goods at most popular prices. Leger Meyer. de 12 su tf

WANTED—Salesmen of ability and neat appearance to call on all merchants in their territory; elegant side line, convenient to carry; good commissions; prompt remittance. Belmont Mfg. Co., Cincinnati, Ohio. de 12 su 16t*

THE SOUTHERN MUTUAL HOME & Real Estate Co. Room 15 Masonic Temple has a proposition to make to everyone who has savings to invest at 5 per cent. or 6 per cent. guaranteed. Also to every one who carries Fraternal or other life insurance because the payments are easy. We can offer you the easy payments and a much safer policy. It will cost you nothing to look into what we offer. oc 3 su 3m

WANTED SALESMEN—Cider and phosphate salesmen. Liberal salary or high commissions with $20.00 weekly in advance Red Cross Vinegar Co., St. Louis, Missouri. Ju 27 su 52t

FOR RENT—That large and desirable store, Northeast corner Third and Castle streets, suitable for first-class grocery or drug store. Formerly occupied by Carpenter & Miller. Possession given on or about January 10th 1910. J. G. Wright & Son, No. 124 Princess street. ja 1 1w

WANTED—Position as stenographer or bookkeeper. Now employed. Best reference. Address "W." Box 463, City. ja 1 2t*

WANTED Immediately, young man stenographer, four or five months work, good salary. Address giving references, "J. W. D." P. O. Box 235, City. ja 1 2t

MONEY TO LOAN on diamonds and revolvers, shot guns and anything of value at Uncle Charles' Pawn Shop, 108 Market street. ja 1 tf

WANTED—Second-hand vertical boiler, from four to eight horse capacity. Must be in good condition and at reasonable price. Address A. M., care Star. ja 1 tf

CLERK wanted at Atlantic Cafe, opposite Union Station. ja 1 tf

WANTED—Position by first-class dry cleaner and presser; also able to do dying, hat blocking and busheling. Address Alizarine, care Star. ja 1 tf.

MARKET STREET HOME for sale. An opportunity seldom offered, here is a chance to get your home. The principal street in the city. Market between Seventh and Eighth streets. Elegant deep lot with 12-foot alleyway in rear. For price, terms and full information see J. G. Wright & Son, Real Estate Agents, 124 Princess street. ja 1 2t

ONLY ONCE in a great while can Market street property west of Tenth, be bought at any price. Today we offer that elegant lot on south side of Market between Seventh and Eighth streets, 200 feet deep with 12 foot alley in rear. Price reasonable, terms as you prefer. The principal street of the city, high beautiful lot in a superb location. J. G. Wright & Son are the sole agents, 124 Princess street. ja 1 2t

FOR SALE—A beautiful corner lot 85 feet front by 195 feet depth, in the best location in the city, on macadam street and car line. Two blocks from union depot, four blocks from postoffice. Can be bought at a price that will make it a good investment. Call and see us for price and terms. J. G. Wright & Son, Sole Agents, 124 Princess street. de 31 3t

FOR SALE—An elegant lot on Market street between Seventh and Eighth; this lot is higher than the street and has large yard also has a rear entrance. For prices and terms see J. G. Wright & Son, Sole Agents. de 31 3t

YOUNG MALE Stenographer, six years experience, desires situation with wholesale concern, office or store, to learn the business and become traveling salesman. Best reference, including present employer. Address box 61 R. F. D. No. 1, Currie, N. C. de 31 4t*

FROM TURKEYS TO HOG JOWLS—Give us your order for nice dressed chickens and turkeys, fresh pork hams; best of oysters, fancy tomatoes, celery and lettuce. Hog Jowl for New Year's. Palace Market. Phone No. 72. de 30 tf

START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT—On January 1st, being next Saturday, The Hanover Building and Loan Association will open its ninth series of stock, and every man, woman and child should avail themselves of this opportunity of subscribing for stock in this series. This Association has had a very prosperous year and is paying a good rate of interest as an investment and assisting the home-seekers in securing a home, and there is no better way to form a saving habit than by this method. We have never had a loss. Books will be open until January 7th, 1910, at Wilder's Real Estate Office, No. 207 Princess street, only five hundred shares will be sold in this series. John J. Fowler, president; J. W. Yates, vice president; L. E. Wilder, secretary and treasurer. de 30 1w.

LOST MONEY LOUISE—In days gone by but now I'm wise. I've found where and how to make money by shipping my raw furs, hides, tallow, wool, beeswax, worm seed, produce etc., to C. D. Gilbert & Bro., 212 Market street. de 7 tf

WANTED—Several pupils who wish to take lessons in the German language. Apply Prof. O. Braun, 23 South Second street. Phone 184. de 20 6t*

PHOTOGRAPHS — Enlargements, copying, framing, viewing and fine photographic work of every description. At the U. C. Ellis Studio. no 18 tf

QUIAL ON TOAST, Lynnhaven Bay Oysters and all other delicacies of the season with the usual substantials that go to make up a first class bill of fare at any cafe. The Junction Restaurant, "Just at the Corner," convenient to all trains, suburban line, etc. Open day and night, Sundays too. no 30 tf

NOTICE TO HOLIDAY SHOPPERS—I have just received the most complete line of electric and gas portables and artistic chandeliers ever shown in Wilmington. Prices range from $3.00 to $50.00. I also have a complete line of electric novelties to select from. Do not make your purchase until you have looked over my stock. Store open until 10 P. M., through the holidays. J. O. Brock, 123 Market street, 'phone 573. de 15 tf

KEEP YOUR EYE on our show case. The display will be changed frequently. Every time we change it will be better. The Gem Studio, Foltz & Kendrick, 114 Market street. no 27 tf.

SULTANA OLIVE OIL—Mr. Vafiadi, the Sultana agent here, has arranged to have this oil distributed in the future by Hall's drug store, Fifth and Castle. Pints 50c. Quarts $1.00. Phone orders filled promptly. no 4 tf

SWEET WEST INDIA oranges, the best the earth produces, $10.00 per thousand; $1.25 per hundred, at British schooner Blanche, lying at Springer Coal Company's wharves, foot of Chesnut street. J. T. Albury, master. de 17 tf

SHIP ME your eggs, poultry, hams, hides, beeswax and any kind of produce. Will pay highest market prices and make prompt returns, N. C. Hams a specialty. C. R. Bellois, 16 North Second street. Phone 1576. de 12 tf

FOR RENT—That desirable seven-room cottage No. 713 Chesnut street. All modern conveniences. Apply on premises or 315 South Fifth street. de 19 tf

WOOD—For good well seasoned wood, call up 346, W. W. Koch Shingle Mills. de 28 1w

STORM DAMAGED GOODS On Sale --at-- GAYLORD'S

2,000 yards American Wash Prints, 7c goods, will sell for.....4c

800 yards best quality in Foulards, 25c goods, will sell for.....16c

500 yards high grade Percales, 15c goods will sell for.....9c

600 yards Checked Nainsook, 15c goods, selling at.....5c

These goods were aboard the New York steamer during the Christmas storm and were slightly damaged by water. We purchased them at a low rate and are selling at the same rates

You can also pick up many excellent Bargains in our store this week as we are cleaning up all small lots preparatory to taking stock.

GAYLORD'S

BIG DEPARTMENT STORE

210, 212, 214 N FRONT ST.

ja 2 tf

To Our Friends and Patrons:

We Wish You All a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

J. W. Fleet Co.

Phone 673. So. W. Corner Front and Princess Sts.

ja 2 tf

We Are After the Men

who want good looking, durable and stylish Shoes at moderate prices. We'll just put it mildly and say that We've the best $3.50 and $4.00 Shoes this country produces.

In Pat. Kid, Gunmetal and Vici.

$3.50 and $4.00

HEWLETT & PRICE

109 MARKET ST.

Cattle Food

Peanut Cake and Meal. Finest food obtainable for cattle and hogs. Better than corn, corn chops, meal or wheat bran. Manufactured and sold by

Universal Oil and Fertilizer Co.

Wilmington, N. C.

de 14 tf

THE WEATHER

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 2, 1910.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 8 P. M. Saturday, Jan. 1st:

Temperature at 8 A. M. 34 degrees; 8 P. M. 48 degrees; maximum 58 degrees; minimum 32 degrees; mean 45 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; for the month, .00 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. Friday 4.5 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Partly cloudy and warmer Sunday; Monday fair and colder; moderate southwest winds becoming northwest.

Port Calendar—Jan. 2.

Sun Rises.....7:18 A. M.
Sun Sets.....5:15 P. M.
Day's Length.....9 hrs. 43 min.
High water at Southport 1:10 P. M.
High water at Wilmington 4:10 P. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

I. Shrier—Clothing.
W. B. Cooper—For Sale.
A. D. Brown—This Week.
Crystal Palace—Vaudeville.
Clyde S. S. Co.—Sailing Days.
I. Shrier—Great Clothing Sale.
J. M. Solky & Co.—Special Sale.
J. W. Fleet Co.—To Our Friends.
Geo. O. Gaylord—Storm Damaged.
J. W. Brooks—Happy New Year.
Academy of Music—Lillian Russell.
Bazaar of Japan—Happy New Year.
Dr. J. W. Powell—A Hollow Tooth.
Nol Bear & Co.—Native Scuppernong.
C. W. Polvogt Co.—All Profit Taken Off.
American National Bank—Certificate of Deposit.

Business Locals.

For Sale—Near Beer Stand.
Wanted—To Borrow $5,000.
For Rent—Furnished Room.
D. L. T. Capps—I Will Try.
Beauty Shop—Buys Combings.
F. W. Dock—Dancing School.
J. G. Wright & Son—Investor.
Palace Market—Happy New Year.
For Rent—Rooms and Apartments.
Wireless Telephone—Demonstration.
For Rent—Two Rooms Adjoining.
J. G. Wright & Son—You Could Not.
For Rent—Three Furnished Rooms.
Bryn Mawr Mills—Salesmen Wanted.
U. S. Calendar Co.—Salesmen Wanted.
J. G. Wright & Son—Investment Seeker.
D. L. T. Capps—Back at Same Old Stand.
Bradstreet System—Young Man Wanted.
Einstein Brothers—Bright Young Man Wanted.
Wilmington Shoe Company—Small Boy Wanted.

NEWS AT ROCKY MOUNT.

License on Near Beer—Charge of Attempted Criminal Assault.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Rocky Mount, N. C., Jan. 1.—Upon call of the Mayor the aldermen of the city met for an hour last night, relative to granting near beer license to the Elkhorn cafe, there being a slight conflict in the ordinance of the city with regard to such beverages in connection with a cafe. It appears from what could be learned that the two were in no wise to be connected and that the cafe was to open on Main street while the near beer establishment was to open on Hill street. After a deliberation the board decided that the license might be granted.

A young married man in this city is in serious trouble if alleged charges for which he is under confinement are proved. Upon a warrant sworn out by Mr. M. H. Pace, Mr. Jesse Lynch was last night taken in charge by the police and lodged in the city lockup upon a complaint charging assault with intent to commit criminal assault upon the wife of Mr. Pace. The matter has attracted widespread comment upon the streets and the court room will be filled to overflowing this afternoon at 4 o'clock when the case is called for hearing. It seems that Mr Lynch called at the home of Mr. Pace on South Church street, yesterday afternoon and asked that he might be shown over the house as he had been directed there by a rental agency. Mrs. Pace was the only person at home at the time, and after showing Mr. Lynch the house she charges that he made several improper proposals. After she broke away from him and went into another room he left the house.

Last night Mr. Lynch accompanied by his brother went to the home again to look at the house and this time he was met by Mr. Pace who invited them in. When Mrs. Pace saw the two persons she informed her husband that one of them was the caller of the afternoon, whereupon Mr. Pace made an assault on Mr. Jesse Lynch, throwing him out of the house and kicking and cuffing him considerably. The police were called and made the arrest. Mr. Lynch holds a position at the Atlantic Coast Line shops at South Rocky Mount.

SHOT AND KILLED WOMAN.

Intoxicated Man Shoots Fatally When Ordered From Home.

Bristol, Tenn., Jan. 1.—A special from Sheet Creek, Carter county, Tenn., this evening, states that Luck Hicks shot and killed Mrs. Thomas Johnson in her own home at that place. Hicks, who is a young man, is said to have been intoxicated and when he and Columbus Pritchard, a companion, entered the Johnson home, Mrs. Johnson ordered them to leave. Hicks drew a revolver and fired the fatal shot. Both men escaped and are in hiding in the nearby mountains.

Trenton, Mo. Jan. 1—Search today of wreckage of the ten cars of the California special on the Rock Island road, derailed and burned near here yesterday, revealed no further trace of bodies and officials definitely placed the number of dead at three.

Examination For Annapolis.

Notice is hereby given that an examination for the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, will be held at Newbern, N. C., on the first day of February, 1910. This is the second notice advertised in the papers of the 3rd Congressional District as well as the Raleigh News and Observer, to fill this vacancy. It is a good opportunity for some resident of the district.

CHARLES R. THOMAS, M. C.,
Third Congressional District of North Carolina.

Monday, January 3rd.

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COL. GORDON VISITS TAFT

Thinks Him a "Nice Young Fellow." Succeeds Senator McLaurin.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Colonel James Gordon, who on Tuesday will present to the United States Senate his credentials entitling him to the seat in that body made vacant by the death of former Senator Anselm J. McLauren, declares President Taft is a "nice young fellow." Colonel Gordon called at the White House today to pay his respects.

"What did I think of the President," he repeated when asked his impression of Mr. Taft.

"He's a might nice young fellow. I like him. I felt just like putting my hand on his shoulder and calling him 'Bill.'"

The report that the Federal government had offered a reward of $10,000 for Colonel Gordon for alleged complicity in the assassination of President Lincoln, was discussed by him.

"I heard that such a reward was offered," he said, "but I now believe the rumor was based on the fact that a heavy reward was offered for an uncle of my wife, who was forced to flee abroad. I escaped to Canada and did not open negotiations for my return home until after the war was over and everybody else had gone home I finally established my innocence of complicity in the assassination plot, and I came back to the United States being about the last of my people to have the privilege of returning.

FIGHTING NEW CHARTER

Memphis Citizens Filed Suit Against Mayor and Commissioners.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 1.—The constitutionality of the new charter of the city of Memphis, creating a commission form of municipal government which became operative at midnight last night, was attacked late today in the Chancery Court. Seven prominent citizens filed suit against Mayor E. H. Crump and the four commissioners, alleging that the new charter takes away the rights of self government and gives to the commission despotic powers.

A temporary injunction is sought restraining the mayor and four commissioners from performing their duties as officials. A preliminary hearing of the suit will be had later in the week.

ZELAYA'S NEW YEAR

Spent in Hotel in Mexico City—Will Visit Diaz Again.

Mexico, City, Jan. 1.—Jose Santos Zelaya, formerly president of Nicaragua, observed New Year's day in his apartment at his hotel here. He did not leave his rooms until the afternoon when he took a short drive. Tomorrow Zelaya will visit the pyramids at San Juan Teotihuacan.

Lunch will be served in a Grotto of one of the pyramids, and Zelaya will be shown the ruins by Leopold Batres, a government inspector. It is reported here tonight that Zelaya will make another call on President Diaz early in the week. No definite date for the second meeting has been named.

ALBEMARLE SOUND BRIDGE.

Norfolk & Southern Ran First Train Over Last Night.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 1.—It is learned here that at 6 o'clock this evening the last spike was driven in the Norfolk & Southern Railway line on the six-mile long bridge or trestle across Albemarle Sound at Edenton, N. C., and the first train passed over the structure; these developments indicating completion of the bridge and the closing of the last gap in the road between Norfolk and Raleigh and Beaufort, N. C. The total length of the railway is about 600 miles. The cost of the bridge has been about $1,000,000.

WILL APPEAL TO CONGRESS.

Farmers Will Fight Present Methods of Dealing in Cotton.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 1.—"To wage an organized and determined fight" against the methods of dealing in cotton in vogue at the New York Cotton Exchange, President Charles S. Barrett, of the National Farmers' Union, has issued a call for a meeting of the officers and leading members of the Union to take place in Washington during the present month.

In the call Mr. Barrett announces the determination of representatives of the Union to remain in Washington until Congress takes some definite action in the matter.

FOUND DEAD ON LINKS

Golfers Played For Four Hours Near Dead Negro Boy.

Brunswick, Ga., Jan. 1.—After playing for four hours over the links of the club grounds in Windsor Park today without disturbing a small negro caddy who lay on the ground near one of the holes, golfers at last investigated and found he was dead with a bullet hole through his heart.

The boy was the son of George Ponder, a wealthy negro. Theories of murder, suicide and accident will be investigated tomorrow by a coroner's jury.

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 1.—Abe Attell, champion feather weight, gave Eddy Kelly, of Buffalo, a terrible beating in five minutes of fighting here tonight. Cries of "fake" preceded the first gong. Afterwards fans called on the police to stop the fight, in sympathy for Kelly. Attell was reached by only one blow. Knock outs ended both preliminaries.

Saved At Death's Door.

The door of death seemed ready to open for Murray W. Ayers, of Transit Bridge, N. Y., when his life was wonderfully saved. "I was in a dreadful condition," he writes, "my skin was almost yellow; eyes sunken; tongue coated; emaciated from losing 40 pounds, growing weaker daily. Virulent liver trouble pulling me down to death in spite of doctors. Then that matchless medicine—Electirc Bitters—cured me. I regained the 40 pounds lost and now am well and strong." For all stomach, liver and kidney troubles they're supreme. 50c. at Robert R. Bellamy's.

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MR. H. S. LEARD ARRIVES.

Will Take Up Active Work on the Position on Monday.

Mr. H. S. Leard, of Richmond, promoted from the position of district passenger agent of the Seaboard, with headquarters at Richmond, to the position of division passenger agent of the Seaboard with headquarters at Raleigh, will take up his new duties on Monday.

Mr. Leard was in the city yesterday for a short time, but returned to Richmond to close up affairs there.

A Wretched Mistake

to endure the itching, painful distress of Piles. There's no need to. Listen: "I suffered much from Piles," writes Will. A. Marsh, of Silver City, N. C., "till I got a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and was soon cured." Burns, Boils, Ulcers, Fever Sores, Eczema, Cuts, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, vanish before it. 25c. at Robert R. Bellamy's.

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LYNCHBURG HAS A FIRE.

Office and Storage Depot of Pipe Works Burned—Other Damage.

Lynchburg, Va., Jan. 1.—The office and storage depot of the McWane Pipe Works, was burned out today entailing a loss of $35,000 fully insured.

The Western Union Telegraph Company lost all of its wires along the Southern and Chesapeake & Ohio railroads and those lines were tied up for three hours.

A long trestle along the Chesapeake & Ohio was also badly damaged by the blaze. The Standard Oil plant was menaced for an hour.

Philadelphia, Jan. 1.—Frank Madole, of Pittsburg, had the better of the six round bout with Grover Hayes, formerly of Chicago, and now of Philadelphia, at the boxing matinee today at the National Athletic Club.

ILLNESS OF WILLIAM DORTCH.

Operated on for Appendicitis in Richmond—Condition Serious.

Goldsboro, Dec. 31.—Col. W. T. Dortch left on the early morning train for Richmond today, being called there by the critical illness of his oldest son, William, who was operated upon in St. Luke's hospital for appendicitis. A message from the hospital at a late hour last night stated that it seemed impossible for the young man to recover, advising that his people hurry to his bedside.

The young man is a student at Chapel Hill and is very popular in this city, where he has many friends who are anxious that he will pass through the ordeal safely.

Other relatives of the young man left at noon for Richmond, including his mother.

Stomach Ills of the Over-Fat

The fat mans stomach fails to burn up the food fats, as happens in thin people. The result is the fat gathers on quiet spots about the body, such as hips, bust, neck, etc.

To overcome this some think exercise is the proper thing. But you can not exercise your bust, can you? See, it is absurd advice. Others try to starve the fat away and thereby still further injure their digestion. There is a simpler plan; one most pleasant and effective, too. Every meal you eat will make fat, won't it? To offset this take daily one teaspoonful after meals and at bedtime of this simple mixture: 1-2 oz. Marmola, 1-2 oz. Fluid Extract Cascara Aromatic, and 3 1-2 oz. Peppermint Water. This will make your stomach behave and use up the food fats. It will also clean up the fat you already have; do it easily, with fair speed, say 8 to 10 ounces a day, and bring you down just where you want to be without causing wrinkles. Try it—any druggist will supply you.

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SOCIAL AFFAIRS AT PINEHURST

Week of Rare Enjoyment With Many Arrivals at North Carolina Resort —Bridge, Card Parties, Dancing Etc.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Pinehurst, N. C., Jan. 1.—The week has been one with few open dates upon the the social calendar, its special features the first of the season's cotillions, a progressive bridge, numerous dinners, saddle picnics, and the annual holiday week golf tournament.

Enjoyed by the entire village was the Holiday cotillon, decorations, favors and figures in keeping with the season; a pleasant prophesy for the more formal social events which add brilliancy to the winter. The decorations were twin Christmas trees strung with small red hearts and tinsel, streamers of English ivy entwined with holly and mistletoe, huge crimson bells and four monstrous stockings, hung on the fireplace mantel. The novelties in figures included a burlesque ablet in which young men garbed in tarlatan skirts worn over their evening suits won or lost partners by their ability to dance the Cinderella numbers in which young women were claimed for partners with slippers selected from a basket and young men by personal articles drawn from a hat ,the matching of all nation flags, and jig saw puzzle pictures made from colored postals . The favors were mistletoe and holly sprays, Christmas toys, decorative novelties, confections and cigarettes.

The list of participants included Mr. and Mrs. Fred A .King, of Northboro, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Metcalf, of Providence, Capt. R. B. Parrott, of New Brunswick, and Miss Olmstead, of West Brookfield, Mr. Spencer Waters, of New York ,and Miss aHrriet Horton, of Williamsport, Mr. J. S. Walker of Orange, Va., and Miss Blanche Hapgood, of Boston, Mr. Julian T. Bishop, of Bridgeport, and Miss Ethel check of New York, Mr. Charles Banes, of Overbrook, and Miss Margaret Clough, of Lynn, Mr. H. S. aHskell, of New York, and Miss Theodate Clough, of Lynn, Mr. Charles Horton, of Williamsport ,and Miss Elizabeth Johnson, of Springfield, O., Dr. Myron W. Marr ,of Dorchester, and Miss Mary Keller of Northboro, Mr. H. G. Bailey, of Norfolk ,and Mrs. Herbert L. Jillson, of Worcester, Mr. C. A. Neff, of Norfolk, and Miss Lucy K. Priest, of Portsmouth. At the favor tables were Mrs. Thomas Check, of New York, Mrs. H. W. Ormsbee, of Fitchburg, Mrs. C. S. Horton, of Williamsport, and Miss Ethel Gibb, of Tofonto. Details of arrangement and decorations were in the hands of an active committee including Mrs. A .W. Hayford, of Phillips Beach Misses Blanche Tapley, Theodate Clough and Margaret Clough, of Lynn ,Harriet Horton, of Williamsport, and Ethel Check, of York.

Fifty-two participants in the second of the season's bridge parties at the Inn, arranged by Mrs. John Bassett Moore, of New York, Mrs. M. L. Bishop, of Bridgeport, and Mrs. E. A. Guthrie, of St. Augustine; Mrs. Moore, Mrs. F. C. Johnson, of Springfield, O., Mrs. Guy Metcalf, of Providence, and Mrs. J. S. Walker, of Orange, Va., winning the prizes. Consolations were awarded to Mrs. Guy Metcalf, of Providence, Mrs. H. R. Mallison, of New York, and Mr. Charles Banes, of Overbrook. Mrs. A. J. Phelps and Mrs. J. C. McCreery, both of New York, tied for the best five hundred scores, played at a single table, Mrs. Phelps winning the cut.

One of the jolliest of the season's dinners was a Christmas spread given at the Inn for a party of close friends by Mr. Wilbur C. Johnson, of New York, the group including Mr. and Mrs. T. Ashley Sparks, of New York, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Jillson, of Worcester, Dr. Myron W. Marr, of Dorchester, Miss Lucy K. Priest, of New Castle, Mr. James Hall, of New York, Mr. C. M. Brett, of Brookline. The favors were clever mechanical toys, each with a verse containing a sly poke at some personal peculiarity; an automobile for the host of the evening, a caddy for Mr. Sparks, a duck for Mrs. Sparks, a running dog for Mr. Jillson, a colored doll baby for Mrs. Jillson, a barking dog for Mr. Brett, a fox for Dr. Marr and a frog for Mr. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hayford, of Phillips Beach, entertained the younger set, including Misses Blanche Tapley, Theodate and Margaret Clough, of Lynn, and Ethel Check, of New York, Messrs. Charles Banes, of Overbrook, H. S. Haskell, of New York, and J. S. Walker, of Orange, Va. The souvenirs were indoor fireworks bombs, each containing favors.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Metcalf, of Providence, entertained Mr. and Mrs. F A. King and Miss Mary Keller, of Northboro.

The first of the saddle picnics, always a delightful feature of the season, was enjoyed during the week by Mr. and Mrs. T. Ashley Sparks and Mrs. Robert Cate Wilson, of New York, Mrs. C. S. Horton, of Williamsport, Mrs. Leonard Tufts, of Boston, Mrs. Herbert L. Jillson, of Worcester, Misses Harriet Horton, of Williamsport, and Lucy K. Priest, of New Castle, Messrs. Spencer Waters and Wilbur C. Johnson, of New York, and Dr. Myron W. Marr, of Dorchester.

Mrs. A. W. Hayford, of Phillips Beach, chaperoned the younger set on a similar outing: Misses Blanche Tapley, Theodate and Margaret Clough, of Lynn, Ethel Check, of New York, Elizabeth Johnson, of Springfield, O., and Messrs T. J. Bishop, of Bridgeport, C. H. Banes, of Overbrook, Benjamin Thaw, Jr., of Pittsburg, J. S. Walker, of Orange, Va., H. S. Haskell, of New York, and Capt. R. B. Parrott, of New Brunswick.

Other late arrivals include Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Truesdale, Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Breff and Mrs. W. H. G. Wood, Mr. Sydney McCreery, Mrs. J. H. Hanson, Miss McFarlan, Mr. K B. Hanson, Mr. George Jeremiah, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Browning, Miss Therese D. Browning, Mr. William C. Browning, 2nd, Mr. A. C. Whitcomb, Mr. J. S. Linsley and Mr. C. W. Honeyman, all of New York; Miss Edith Macleod, of Toronto, and Miss Von Mater, of Redbank, N. J., Mr. Benjamin Thaw, Mr. William Thaw, and Miss Thaw, of Pittsburg, Mr. and Mrs. Martin J. Condon and Mr. W. K. Gillett, of Pelham Manor, Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Elliott, of Bridgeville, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gladwin, of France Miss Belle N. Conway, of Brooklyn, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Mackay, Miss Alma E. Mackay and Mr. Donald A. Mackay, of Passaic, Mr. W. C. Johnson, Mr. Paul Richter, Mr. J. B. Ladd and Mr. Samuel F. Scattergood, of Philadelphia, Mr. Dayton Voorhees, of Camden, Mr. Leland Ingersoll, of Cleveland, Mr. W. G. Clerk, of Boston, Mr. W. R. Tuckerman, of Washington, Mr. G. H. French and Mr. Willis L. Hale, of North Attleboro, Mr. J. P. Towles, of Chicago, Mr. William T. Converse and Mr. Robert Converse, of Albany, Mr. E. J. Spaulding, of Burlington, Vt., Mr. J. S. Walker, or Orange, Va., Mr. Herbert E. Cushman, of College Hill, N. C., Prof. A. Marshall Elliott, of Baltimore, Dr. R. C. Corbin, of Metuchen, N. J., Mr. J. B Montgomery and Mr. John T. Small, of Toronto, Mr. Richard W. Hovey of Cambridge, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ten Broeck, of Orange, Mr. J. S. Coburn, of New Haven, Mr. J. Hartford Chichester, of Summit, Mr. George F. Blake and Mr. Fordyce Blake, of Worcester, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. White and Miss Ruth White, of Bridgeport, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Clapp and Master Roswell D. Clapp, of Hartford, Mr. J. E. Kellogg, of Fitchburg, Mr. J. B. Whittier and Miss Lang, of Battleboro, Miss M. K. Lathbury, of Brooklyn, Mr. Richard W. Hovey, of Cambridge and Mr. L. R. Bolton, of Boston.

THE WEEK AT PINEHURST.

Annual Holiday Week Golf Tourney. Other Social Times.

Pinehurst, N. C., Jan. 1.—The annual holiday week golf tourney which ended Friday, sets the local golf season in full swing, immediately preceding as it does, the seventh annual mid-Winter contest booked for January 10th, 11th and 12th, and the annual Advertising Men's contest, which rounds out the week. Starting with a large and promising field seven years ago, this event has grown in size and importance until it now occupies front rank with the leading American matches, its entry list for several years past establishing new records for American golf.

Six divisions are provided for this year with a special division for those who fail to qualify; the Pinehurst system of qualification to decide who will fight it out in the match play rounds for the wealth of attractive trophies offered. These include a gold medal for the best qualification score, and the President's Governors' Secretary's, Treasurer's, Captain's and Club's cups to match play division winners, with sterling cups for the division runners-up and the winners of the consolation divisions. Qualifications which the entrants are arranged in six classes and the best sixteen scores in each class qualify.

The field promises not only to be large but extremely fast as is evinced by advance entries and inquiries; all sections of the country represented with the New York delegation, which comes by special train, in the majority.

In all ways the week will be one of the busiest and merriest of the season, for many delightful social affairs are being planned in honor of the visitors, not to mention quail hunting, trap shooting, fox hunting, riding, driving, tennis and other outdoor diversions.

WELDON NEWS.

Personal and General News Notes From the Railroad Town.

Weldon, N. C., Jan. 1.—Mrs. James T. Carter, of Lynchburg, Va., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. James T. Gooch.

Mrs. P. N. Stainback, Jr., left last Tuesday for a visit to relatives in York, Pa., Mrs. Stainback's former home.——Mr. John B. Sledge spent the holidays with relatives in Norfolk.

Miss Jennie Strother, of Lynchburg, Va., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gooch.——Miss Allen Hart spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Lula Hart.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Zollicoffer entertained Tuesday night in honor of the young people who have been off to school. Among those present were Misses Allen Hart, Jessie Green, Jannette Daniel, Annie Musgrove, Jeannette Musgrove, Susie and Mamie Zollicoffer, Messrs. Allen Zollicoffer, Eugene Daniel and E. H. Smith.

Mr. M. R. Harrell, of Rocky Mount, N. C., spent several days here with his people.——Mr. Robert Ransom spent several days in Raleigh this week.——Mr. Tom Mabry and Miss Jennie McIlhenny were married last week.——Mr. E. F. Johnson is visiting relatives in Richmond.

The young men of town gave a delightful dance complimentary to the visiting young ladies, last Wednesday night.

Miss Frances Scott, of Richmond, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Owen.——Misses Lula and Lillie Steinback are visiting friends in Tatum, S. C.——Mr. Hiram Wall, of South Hill, Va., was a visitor here this week.——Capt. E. C. Cohen, of the Atlantic Coast Line, was a visitor here last week.——Mr. Louis Hudson, of Emporia, Va., spent Sunday here with his mother, Mrs. Etta L. Hudson.

At The Theatre.

The Academy will offer only one attraction this week, but that one will be quite sufficient and will be one of the most notable Wilmington has ever seen. It will be the distinguished actress, Miss Lillian Russell, and no greater star could be obtained. The attraction is thoroughly Broadway in every particular and it is a rare opportunity afforded Wilmington theatre goers and really such as no other city in North Carolina gets this season, as Wilmington is Miss Russell's only stop in North Carolina. This in itself is something important and should be appreciated. Miss Russell is supported by a metropolitan company, headed by no less a person than the famed Digby Bell ,who is also a Broadway star. The sale of seats will commence Wednesday morning at the Palace, Miss Russell's engagement being for Thursday night at the Academy.

LILLIAN RUSSELL IN "THE FIRST NIGHT."

LILLIAN RUSSELL.

Lillian Russell is perhaps the most wonderful woman connected with the American stage of her day and generation. Thirty years of uninterrupted success on the comic opera and comedy stage have not left an impression upon her glorious personality and today she is as buoyant and charming as ever she was in the years of her wonderful vogue in music. Coupled with this is the fact that when comic opera began to wane the field for Miss Russell's efforts seemed so limited that there was a question if she could possibly retain her vogue. The musical works that she made part of our theatrical history have been superceded by musical comedy and the disjointed light frothy pieces which now catch the fleeting fancy of the theatre going public. But not content to rest upon her laurels and too ambitious to venture into vaudeville Lillian Russell stepped from the comic opera stage to the legitimate. She studied hard and in three seasons has developed from an experimental actress into the most delightful comedienne before the public today. Her presence in a scene helps to make it and in her present vehicle, "The First Night," she is the sparkle in the wine as far as a comparison of this sort can suggest her personal contribution to a good cause. In the past four seasons Miss Russell has been free from the worries of public vocalization. In that time she has created five distinct comedy characterizations and in each has met with unstinted personal success and four of her initial presentations in this new filed have been unqualified successes. Last season it was thought she had reached the high water mark when she broke the records she did with her popular little play, but this year she has followed it up with a new comedy creation that has outstripped anything she ever did and her season is turning out the most unexpected hit of her career.

It sets the woman apart from all contemporaries and stamps her as one of the really wonderful people of stageland. As one critic in New York put it during her recent run there she has become an institution and she said that she had so often surprised him that hereafter nothing she undertakes will be a surprise even if she were to decide to play tragic roles. Miss Russell however, has no leaning in that direction. She is an apostle of good cheer and maintains that when done in the proper spirit nothing is better for the public weal than a clean cut and well handled comedy and she demonstrated her faith in it by being the motive power behind many a dainty performance.

Recent Opening In Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 25.—Before a merry Christmas audience Joseph Brooks presented tonight for the first time on any stage, Lillian Russell in a new farce "The First Night" with a splendid company. The play pleased immensely . Miss Russell has the best part in her career since she deserted comic opera for the dramatic field. "The First Night" is by Geo. V. Hobart, author of Miss Russell's successful play, "Wild Fire." It is an adaptation from "Der Halbe Dichter." B. T. Rasen the late Augustin Daly obtained the highly successful "Nancy and Co." from the same source. In the Daly production Ada Rhan played the part Miss Russell assumes and Rigby Bell has the role in which the late James Lewis registered so effectively. Mr. Hobart retains the situation but has brought the dialogue up-to-date and introduced much new business. As the original farce is unknown to the present generation of theatre goers, it has not been played generally for two decades. "The First Night" has all the sparkle and sauciness of a new red wagon to a modern audience. Miss Russell plays the part of Rose Graham, collaborator with Langdon Jones (Julius McVicker) of a musical comedy. Her husband (Albert Andruss), who is intensely jealous hates the stage and stage folks. As she fears to tell him of her work she conceals her indentity even to her literary partner under the name of Gilbert Gray. In order to attend the first night of the comedy she tells her husband she is going to the bedside of a sick relative. He finds in her study a half burnt envelope bearing the name of Gray. Scenting a scandal he follows her. Mr. Jones is in love with Mabel Ketcham (Leonard Oakford), the daughter of Col. Ketcham, a flirtatious old gentleman but a particular father. Digby Bell (Mortimer Smith) Sydney Booth is in love with Jessie Ketcham (Millicent Evans). The young men must spend two weeks probation under Col. Ketcham's roof in order that he may study their moral character. Suitor Smith is receiving his conge as Mrs. Graham enters the household in search of Jones. Col. Ketcham is the first to meet her. He is delighted to learn that the pleader for his daughter's hand is apparently the hero of an escapade, as he wants the girl to marry Hurgatroy Howe (George E. Mack) a young man with money. Mr. Graham resents his inquisitiveness and leaves the rejoicing colonel who, meantime has been flirting with the housemaid. To expose Jones, Graham traces his wife to the Colonel's house. He knows she has been there because the odor of gardenia, her favorite perfume, pervades the room. The colonel recognizes Mr. Jones' caller as his friend's wife. When the two plotters go into the library to identify the handwriting of an envelope Mrs. Graham returns and meets Jones. She insists that he take her to the theatre for the first night, confessing that she is the composer. While he is searching for an excuse the voices of the Colonel and angry husband are heard. They hide in a closet. Finding long automobile coats they disguise themselves and flee with the family pursuing them as thieves. The disgusted author and beautiful composer take refuge in a hotel. Mrs. Pfitzer, the Colonel's sister, Susanne Westford with her two nieces, come to the hotel for tea. They encounter Mrs. Graham. The afternoon is spent by Jones and the wife dodging the angry husband and indignant Colonel. In the end Jones' fiancee catches him and the wife weedles a promise from the husband that until midnight the author is hers. All the characters attend the performance. The play is a great success . The author quits the theater only to pick up his belongings and leave the Colonel's home in disgrace Mrs. Graham returns to the Colonel's house to tell her husband her secret. Further complications ensue through the meddling of the Colonel. When the muddle is at its worse the Colonel is caught in his flirtations with the maid by Smith and agrees to the marriage of his daughter to Smith and Jones. Mrs. Graham confesses she is the librettist and all ends happily. Miss Russell is delightful in her comedy touches and rises to the demands of the serious moments with strength and commands the delivery of a speech in the last act describing the feelings of an author on a first night . It is a gem equal to her instructions to jockey in "Wildfire." Digby Bell is splendid in the part of the prying irascible old Colonel. Miss Westford makes the most of a character role of the weeping sister. The balance of the cast is capable. Miss Russell looks charming as ever and wears gowns which can be described only as a "dream."

What you may have been calling the "good fortune in business affairs" of someone you know may be simply the courage to advertise.

WHAT FORESTS CONTRIBUTED

Ninety Million Dollars to Foreign Exports Last Year—Naval Stores and History of the Industry in the South.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Washington, Jan. 1.—Our forests contributed $90,000,000 to the exports of the United States during the fiscal year 1908—a twenty-fold increase since 1851. The imports of forest products—chiefly india rubber and other gums from the Tropics and lumber from Canada—have grown to even larger proportions. From a little over a million dollars in 1851 they rose to 122 millions in 1907, falling slightly below 100 millions in 1908. These are some of the striking facts set forth in a comprehensive bulletin in our foreign trade in forest products, just published by the Department of Agriculture. This bulletin covers a period of nearly 60 years.

A better idea of the rapid growth of this trade can be obtained by comparing it with the population. During the first five years of the period (1851-1855) 24 cents per capita represents the average annual exports and less than 9 cents the imports of forest products. Since then both imports and exports have increased much faster than population. During the five years 1901-1905 the average exports per capita reached 74 cents and the imports 90 cents. In 1908 the exports were $1.04 and the imports $1.12 per capita.

During the first five years of this period (1851-1855) the exports of forest products were three times the imports. During the next five years the exports were 60 per cent. greater in value than the imports. Then followed a period of about 20 years during which the balance of trade in forest products shifted from one side to the other. Since 1879 the imports have been decidedly higher in value than the exports ever year except 1901, the excess averaging about 25 pr cent.

It is not, however, to be supposed that the articles included among the imports are directly competitive in any large degree with our native forest products. The bulk of the imports consists of india rubber and other tropical gums, dyewoods, and cabinet woods. Only from 25 to 30 per cent. of the total is made up of timber, lumber and wood pulp from species native to this country. This class of products is derived chiefly from Canada.

Timber and lumber have during the entire period made up the bulk of our exports, constituting on an average not far from three-fourts of the total value.

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INDUSTRIAL OUTLOOK IN 1910

Baltimore Manufacturers' Record Most Optimistic View of South's Prospects for New Year—Immigration Encouraged.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Baltimore, Dec. 30.—In a survey of the bright prospects for the business interests of the South and the rest of the country in 1910, the Manufacturers' Record says in this week's issue: "With a production of pig iron now running on a basis of 31,000,000 tons a year, as against 15,000,000 tons for the whole of 1908, and 25,000,000 tons for 1907, the iron trade has already reached record figures, though the conditions seem to point to a very much greater advance during the coming year. As yet, the railroads have been but comparatively indifferent buyers of rolling stock and track equipment.

"Whenever the railroads do enter the market on a large scale the demand for iron and steel will carry production for beyond present output although existing plants are being run to almost the full limit of the country's capacity.

"There has been depression in the cotton goods trade, but, on the other hand, there has been great prosperity to the cotton growers, for they have been getting for this year's crop a higher price than they have received in the last 25 years. With the certainty that the world's consumptive requirements will completely clean up the world's available supply of cotton before the gathering of the next crop, it ought to be possible to insure that next year's crop will be sold at very profitable figures to the grower, and if the planters of the South are wise in not concentrating too much attention upon cotton, such will be the result. Diversification of farm crops should be preached to every farmer in the South that in the coming year cotton may be made the surplus crop after the farmers have raised their own foodstuffs.

"Broadly surveying the whole situation, there are seen evidences that the South is joining in the march of progress which the North and West entered a little in advance of this section by reason of the fact that the South did not feel the full effect of the panic as soon as other sections did.

"Here and there are striking illustrations of the wonderful advance that is being made in the South. In Alabama immense steel works and expansion of iron industries are under way, but not on so large a scale as the resources of the South justify. On the Gulf coast great warehousing and docking facilities are being developed at some ports, but there are equally as great needs at other ports where the work has not yet been carried forward with energy. In the coal mines of West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Alabama progress is being made, and a great advance in the value of mineral properties is everywhere seen. But there is room for still greater development in mining operations and for a still greater increase in the value of coal and iron and other mineral properties. The trend of population from the West is toward the South, especially to Texas and to Florida, but Mississippi and Louisana and other Southern States are sharing to some extent in this movement. This immigration, however, is small as compared to what it should be. Though Texas is receiving newcomers from the North and West at the rate of about 200,000 a year, it would take a quarter of a century at that rate to add 5,000,000 outsiders to the population of the United States, whereas Texas would not be crowded with 25,000,000 people. In other Southern States the opportunities are as great as in Texas and the movement of population should be proportionately equally as great. The incoming of 200,000 of the better class of people from the West and the Northwest will be of immense benefit to Texas. The incoming of not only hundreds of thousands, but of millions of the same classes into Southern States would benefit the whole South and benefit everybody in it.

"Every railroad and every man interested in any way whatever in the material advancement of the South is interested in the supreme importance of drawing population of the right character into the South. And when the South fully awakens to the importance of this, and to what it would mean to the enrichment of its life and the development of its material resources, it will take hold of the situation with the vigor that has made it possible to draw so many people to Texas and with the vigor which made possible the settlement of the West and that of the Pacific Coast."

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AFFAIRS AT WHITEVILLE.

News of the Week From the Columbus County Metropolis.

Whiteville, N. C., Jan. 1.—Monday night, at Justice Hall, the young men of this place tendered the first dance of the holidays to the visiting young ladies. The affair was quite informal throughout and proved to be one of the most enjoyable social functions of the Christmas season.

There were about thirty couples on the floor and the music being furnished by a good orchestra, the occasion will long remain fresh in the memory of all who attended. Those dancing were: Misses Sarah Burkhead, Agnes, May and Rena Council, Lois and Jessie Williams, Blanche Hayes, Myrtle Koons, Louisa Berry, Edith Brady, Iola, Bessie and Kathleen Baldwin, Lizzie Toon, Loula High and Jessie Smith, Messrs. W. C. Burkhead, John and Sanday Carter, Felix and Aubry Smith, Linn Burkhead, Martin Schulken, J. McKoy, Dr. S. A. Smith, Harry Allen, Dr. Shelton and Mr. Hobbs. Those in atendance but not dancing were: Misses Ethel and Alma Maultsby, Annie Baldwin, Margaret Baldwin, Pennie Carter, Mamie Smith, Aileen Smith and Mrs. C. G. Richardson. Messrs. Farrior and Robert Powell, Arthur, Edwin, Lawrence and S. Baldwin.

The Whiteville High School will reopen Monday. This is said to be one of the best high schools in the State. It will have its first graduating class this year. The class is composed of seven members.

Miss Pauline Toon, who was accidentally shot by sweeping a cartridge into the fire, is rapidly improving, to the delight of her many friends.

Misses Margaret and Kathleen Baldwin have as their guests Misses Agnes and Mary Council, of Wananish. The Misses Council have many friends in Whiteville who gladly welcome them.

Mr. J. G. Thompson is remodeling his residence on Madison street. When it is completed it will be one of the handsomest residences in the county.

Snow fell here very fast for a few minutes Tuesday morning, and a bitter cold wind followed.

Irvin B. Tucker, Esq., spent Thursday and Friday in Fayetteville on legal business.

There was only one arrest in Whiteville during the holidays; that was for larceny.

Misses Alma and Ethel Maultsby, two of Whiteville's most accomplished young ladies, spent Thursday and Friday in Boardman, N. C., as the guests of Mrs. W. B. Stone.

The residence of Mrs. J. T. McKenzie was the scene of a beautiful informal party Christmas evening in honor of the boys and girls who have been off to school. The guests were entertained during the evening by vocal and instrumental selections, and departed about 11 o'clock, voting Mrs. McKenzie a charming hostess. Her guests were Misses Alma and Ethel Maultsby, Mary, Aileen and Jessie Smith, Ruth and Grace Geddie, Margaret and Kathleen Baldwin and Messrs. Bogue, Arthur and Edwin Baldwin, John Carter, Felix and Aubrey Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Seth L. Smith.

Monday evening, at their home on Washington street, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Grady entertained in honor of the boys and girls who have been off to college. The Grady home was tastily dressed with Christmas evergreens and potted plans. Mrs. Grady received in the hall and ushered the guests into the parlor. After a few hours pleasantly spent in different kinds of amusements, a delightful luncheon appropriate to the occasion, was served.

The guests were entertained during the evening by the readings of Miss Fay Memory and the instrumental selections of Misses Lelia Memory, Margaret Baldwin and Bessie Baldwin.

The guests were Misses Margaret, Kathleen, Annie and Bessie Baldwin, Ruth and Bessie Geddie, Lella, Fay, Maude, Annie and Irene Memory, Ethel and Alma Maultsby, Lizzie Toon and Annie Watters, and Messrs. Arthur, Bogue and Lawrence Baldwin, W. G. and Linn Burkhead, John and Sandy Carter, Edgar High, Josiah A. Maulsby, Ben Oliver, Walter, Robert and Farrior Powell, Felix and Aubrey Smith, Martin Schulken, V. V. Richardson and C. S. Hicks. The guests departed about 12 o'clock, voting Mr. and Mrs. Grady a charming host and hostess.

Misses Rena Council, of Wananish, N. C., is visiting Mrs. Sanderson, on Madison street. Miss Council is a handsome young lady and has many friends who are glad to welcome her.

Miss Bessie Richardson has as her guest Miss Pridgen, of Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Powell, of Oxford, who have been the guests of Mr. Powell's parents, have returned home after spending the holidays here.

A railroad official in high authority on his road writes the State concerning "unjust verdicts," and makes this suggestion: "Would it not be more consistent and satisfactory to the traveling public, not the lawyer, if the public service corporations, or common carriers, were made insurers on a basis of what a certain per cent of his ticket cost would entitle him to, or buy in a first class insurance company for the number of hours of his schedule journey, counting time from 30 minutes before schedule leaving

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MORE TRANSCONTINENTAL.

Col. Jones Back at 'Em Again With a Challenge.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Waynesville, N. C., Dec. 29, 1909.

Editor of The Wilmington Star:

On December 6th, 1909, I sent a wire to the Star, and I have just received a copy of The Star with the following reply:

"Col. S. A. Jones of Western Carolina on December 6th, wired The Star that this correspondent should give one intelligent and just reason why Robeson county should not vote Trans-Continental bonds, failing in which we were to confess to being a hot air pump of cheapest grade, we can't make such a confession, and therefore offer four reasons which form the small vote received in this county for Trans-Continental bonds seemed to our people just and reasonable.

1. Our railroad connections are already such as to make it unnecessary for us to fasten a debt upon this and succeeding generations.

2. Were we going to do so, it would not be for a railroad which would parallel one already built for over 100 miles.

The third and fourth reasons are, Col. Jones, himself, who did not seriously impress our people.

The gentleman, as I understand it, accepts the challenge and these four reasons he gives, but he hasn't given his own name, nor has he named his member of the committee of three to pass on his reasons. In the first place, Robeson county has never voted as a county on the bonds, for the election was postponed because of errors in the call. Here are the exact words of my challenge, and I stand by them:

New York, Dec. 6th, 1909

(Special Wire to The Star.)

"If your Lumberton correspondent of November 28th will give one intelligent and just reason why Robeson county should not vote Transcontinental bonds with three men, one picked by me, one by him, and the third by these two, that will say it is an intelligent and just reason based against the reason for building the road, I will give him $50 and deposit the money now with the Star. If he fails he to publish over his right name that he is a hot air pump of the cheapest grade. Put up or shut up. S. A. JONES. For Western North Carolina."

The Robesonian says in reference to the reply of the Star correspondent, "Bully. Neatly and completely done. We are glad that our attention was called to this. The Lumberton correspondent certainly called the turn on the colonel in a neat way."

We will attend to the Robesonian, not in a "Bully" way, but in a neat and gentlemanly way a little later on, in its own columns at the rate of five cents a line.

We haven't yet gotten the name of the Lumberton correspondent of the Star. This correspondent took it on himself to publish me and the Trans continental work as hot air work, so he opened the ball so he must dance to the music. I, as the humble spokesman of the Transcontinental railroad will now put up $150 instead of $50, to make it more interesting, and challenge the Robesonian correspondent to give his own name, and to name one of the men to make up the committee of three, that man to be of known ability, honor and integarity, and and a man that is serving, or has served the State in the capacity of an elected executive officer in some department of the State government, and I will name a man of the same character, and these two to name the third, and he also to have been honored and elected to some State office during his life by a majority of the entire vote of this State. And if these three decide by a majority vote that any one of these four reasons is a sound, a righteous and a just reason for voting against bonds for the Transcontinental road after they have read the law and reasons that the Legislature of this State and other States have endorsed this road, and the people are laboring to build it, I will pay him $150.

And if they fail to find one of these four a sound and just reason to oppose the Transcontinental bond, after carefully studying the laws under which they are to be issued, the correspondent to then apologize, not to me, but to the public over his own name for rushing into print, calling myself and this Western Trans-Continental Railroad work hot air, and confess he is the cheapest hot air pump eastern Carolina is carrying in her stock of publicity effusion.

A man that forgets ordinary dignity and courtesy, and begins to deal in the traffic of calling his fellow man unjust names without cause, must apologize, put up or shut up, or prove his assertion by creditable witnesses and not by hot air blasts from the imagination of his own exalted brain.

Respectfully, S. A. JONES,
President Transcontinental Railroad.

PRE-COOLING CAR FOR FRUITS.

Secretary Wilson Aids Georgia Exchange by Providing Device.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 28.—Aid is to be given the Georgia Fruit Exchange by the United States government in the matter of pre-cooling care in which the Georgia peach crop is to be handled during the season of 1910. Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson, has written a letter to Manager I. M. Fleming, of the Georgia Fruit Exchange, in which he promises to send to Georgia the government pre-cooling car which has been doing such splendid demonstration service in California during the past two seasons. At present the peaches are gathered and packed when the temperature of the peach is in many instances as high as 100 degrees. The refrigerator cars in which the peaches are placed for shipment have been previously iced to the temperature of from 45 to 50 degrees. In shipping them from Georgia points to New York the refrigerators cars have to be re-iced at Atlanta, Charlotte and Potomac yards. Even with this frequent re-icing invariably two or three layers of peaches spoil, which means a consequential loss to the shipper.

Monday, January 3rd.

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Dec 31-3t.

A Happy New Year to One and All!

Our Mr. Yoshida wishes to announce to the public that he went to New York City last week to buy a lot of delayed goods to the Alaskan-Yukon Pacific Exposition, which embraces one of the finest collections of Japanese Art Goods ever shown in this country. Now, we have pleasure to say that those selected will make a good exhibition, and we will display before you at the store in a week or ten days. Watch for further announcement. :: :: :: :- ::

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STATISTICS OF U. S. CITIES

U. S. Census Bureau Bulletin on the Annual Report for 1907—Street and Sewerage Improvements the County Over.

Washington, Jan. 1.—The total length of sewers of all classes reported for 157 of the 158 cities of the United States which in 1907 had an estimated population of over 30,000 each was 22,866.4 miles, according to United States Census Bulletin 105, prepared by Mr. E. H. Maling, division chief, under the supervision of Dr. LeGrand Powers, chief statistician in charge of the official statistics of cities, who has submitted it to Director Durand.

The sewerage system of Atlantic City, N. J., is not included in these statistics, since it is owned by a private corporatoion. New York City, which is first in rank in population in the country, is also first in rank in miles of sewers, while Cihcago is a close second.

The only large city in the country conspicuous for the small number of miles of sewers was Baltimore, Md., with a total mileage of only 62.3.

Of the total mileage shown for the cities reporting, 17,122 miles, or 74.9 per cent, consisted of combined sanitary and storm sewers; 4,563.2 miles, or 22.0 per cent, of sanitary sewers; and 1,180.4 miles, or 5.2 per cent, of storm sewers. The combined is the prevailing type of sewer in all the large cities of the country ,and particularly in the northern cities. Many of the Southern cities are conspicuous for reporting no sewers of this type.

Classified with reference to character of materials of which constructed, 26.8 per cent of the total mileage was built of brick, 69.7 per cent of tile, and 3.5 per cent of other materials. A much larger proportion of the brick sewers, which are generally of large dimensions, was reported from the cities having each a population of over 100,000 than from those with less population, and a much larger proportion of the storm sewers than of the sanitary sewers were of this material.

The problem of the disposal of sewage in such a way as not to endanger the health or water supply of the community and neighboring communities is a very serious one for many communities.

The bulletin states that an effort was made to obtain information with regard to the daily volume of sewage in gallons flowing through the sewers, and although the figures obtained in answer to this inquiry are largely estimated, they are approximately correct, especially where a large portion of the sewage is pumped. In England the average per capita of sewage is about 35 gallons, while in London it is 34 gallons . In the United States, owing to the free use of water and to manufacturing wastes, the average daily flow is much greater. For a number of the small cities in Massachusetts it is estimated at 100 gallons, and for the south metropolitan district of Boston and near-by cities it is over 250 gallons.

One of the tables shows the area in square yards and the length of miles of paved and improved streets. The classification, according to character of paving or improvement, is satisfactory for but few cities, as the greater number keep no records containing this information and therefore have recourse to estimates of varying accuracy.

More than one-third of the cobble stone pavements was reported from Baltimore, Md., and nearly another third from Philadelphia, Pa., Buffalo, N. Y., and Cincinnati, Ohio. More than two-thirds of the wooden block pavement was reported from Chicago, Ill., and Detroit, Mich. The other kinds of pavements are common to a large number of cities, although many of the large Southern cities are conspicuous for reporting none or but small areas of macadamized streets.

In comparison with similar statistics for 1905, brick and asphalt pavements have decidedly increased in favor ,and bituminous macadam even more; the increases in these classes of pavements have been at the expense of wooden block, cobblestone, gravel, granite, and Belgian block.

The total number of crossing of streets by steam railroads reported for 1907 was 17,848, of which 13,718, or 76.9 per cent were on grade. This is a slightly smaller percentage on grade than the 154 cities reporting for 1905 reported. In the cities having over 300,000 population, 61.1 per cent were on grade as compared with 65.7 per cent in 1905. These facts indicate that the most populous cities are making considerable progress in the elimination of grade crossings.

The Census Bureau uses the term "parks" with reference to those grounds which are set apart and maintained for the sole purpose of providing, free of charge, a place for outdoor recreation for the general public. The cities of over 100,000 inhabitants in 1907 having the largest such areas were New York, N. Y., Philadelphia, Pa., and Los Angeles, Cal., respectively. Those cities with the largest percentage of their land area in parks were Lynn, Mass., 15.3 per cent; Rochester, N. Y., 11.9 per cent; and Boston, Mass., 10.4 per cent.

Included under the head of "Public grounds inside city limits" are street railway parks, which in some cities compare in size and attractveness with the city parks.

The Stomach Cannot Rest.

It is a mistake to suppose that the stomach can rest and thus recuperate and by this means dyspepsia is cured. The digestive process begins in the mouth and does not end until the food has reached the intestines. The salivary glands in the mouth, the stomach, lower stomach, liver, spleen, etc., take part in the digestive process. This process is going on continuously. Think of resting the heart or the lungs for a minute, or any other organ. Pepsin pancreatin, etc., do not rest the stomach, they digest the residue of food a weak digestive system cannot digest and thus relieve the body of irritating acids or gas. Rydale's Stomach Tablets contain just enough Pepsin and Pancreatin to do this. They also contain many vegetable tonics and stimulants for the digestive tract. Rydale's Stomach Tablets cure dyspepsia the only way it can be cured. Ask us about them. Robt. R. Bellamy.

STATISTICS OF ARRESTS.

Census Bureau's Conclusions Concerning Certain Large Cities.

Washington, Jan. 1—Important data on the subject of arrests of lawbreakers and the sizes of police forces is contained in United States Census Bulletin 105, which Census Director Durand is about to submit to Secretary Nagel of the Department of Commerce and Labor. It is an abstract of the annual report on the statistics of cities having an estimated population of over 30,000 in 1907, and it was prepared by Mr. E. H. Maling, division chief, under the supervision of Dr. Le Grand Powers, chief statistician in charge of official statistics of cities.

There were 158 of these cities, and in the tables of the bulletin they are presented in four groups. Group I contains cities of over 300,000 population; Grop II, 100,000 to 300,000; Group III, 50,000 to 100,000; and Group IV, cities of 30,000 to 50,000.

Those in Group I, ranked according to estimated population, are New York City, Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Boston, Baltimore, Pittsburg, Cleveland, Buffalo, San Francisco, Detroit, Cincinnati, Milwaukee, New Orleans and Washington, D. C.

Under the head of arrests, classified by offenses, it is shown that the number of arrests in the 158 cities for the fiscal year 1907, was 1,369,361, or 592.4 arrests to every 10,000 inhabitants. The number of arrests per 10,000 inhabitants in cities of Group I was 552.6; in cities of Group II, 589.5; of Group III, 589.0; and of Group IV, 710.9.

In the cities of Group I Washington, D. C., ranked first in the number of arrests in proportion to population. The total number of arrests in that city was more than four times the number shown for the larger city of Milwaukee, Wis., and approximately three times the number shown for the still larger city of Detroit, Mich. The total number of arrests, however, is no indication of the lawlessness of a city's population; it is ,rather, a reflection of varying local laws and conditions and of the activity of the police department.

In classifying arrests by offenses, the bulletin states, it is impossible to secure absolutely uniformity because of the dissimilarity of laws, and also because the same offense is punished under different names in different cities. The various classes of offenses against property and against the person, with the exception of "assaults", are fairly comparable for the different cities, but arrests for such offenses formed less than 10 per cent. of the total.

The large class of minor offenses denominated "offenses against society" comprised 84.7 per cent. of the total number of arrests for 1907.

Arrests for the specific offense of drunkenness formed 35.2 per cent. of the total, but in many cities the charge of disorderly conduct covered the same offense; thus, in Harrisburg, Pa., less than one-fifth of 1 per cent. of the arrests were on the ground of drunkenness, while 66.5 per cent. were on the ground of disorderly conduct.

Itis shown in a table that the per capita cost of police protection in the cities of Group I for 1907 was nearly double the cost of police protection in cities of any other group. As a corallary to this fact another table shows that more than two-thirds of all the employes of the police departments of the 158 cities considered were reported from the cities of Group I, and nearly one-fourth of the entire number from the city of New York.

Cities with particularly small police forces were Milwaukee, Wis., and New Orleans, La., in Group I; Scranton, Pa., and St. Joseph, Mo., in Group II; Utica, N. Y., and Brockton, Mass., in Group III; and Lincoln, Neb., Passaic, N. J., and South Omaha, Neb., in Group IV.

A city with an especially large police force was Washington, D. C.

Nearly three-fourths of all employes of police departments were patrolmen, of whom 80.6 per cent. were on beats, 4 per cent. on posts, and 15.4 per cent. were detailed on special duties. The number of mounted patrolmen was only 6.2 per cent. of the total number on beats, more than two-thirds, of whom were mounted on horses. A relatively large number of the mounted patrolmen in the cities having from 30,000 to 100,000 inhabitants were in cities of the Southern States, while more than one-half of the bicycle policemen were reported from the four cities of New York, Philadelphia, Washington and Atlanta, Ga. In comparison with similar statistics for 1905 the proportion of patrolmen mounted shows a moderate increase. Most of the patrolmen "on posts"—that is, on street duty, such as crossing and traffic duty, but not patrolling a beat—were reported from cities of Group I.

Of the patrolmen detailed on special duties, such as sanitary, park and detective duty, more than three-fourths were located in cities of the first group; and of all the other employes besides patrolmen more than two-thirds were in the cities of the same group.

These facts are, the bulletin states, indicative of a greater division of labor in the police forces of the large cities. The services performed by many of these employes, moreover, are incidental to large cities and to large forces of police and are not strictly connected with the protection of life and property from lawbreakers. Payments to such employes increase the per capita cost of police protection in large cities and in a large measure represent the difference in per capita cost of police protection between the cities of Group I and those of the other groups.

DRINKING WOOD ALCOHOL.

Tipplers Get Blindness, Coma and Death for Ten Cents.

New York, Dec. 28.—Coroner Harburger has reported to the police and excise department that wood alcohol is again being sold as a beverage in New York City with death instead of stimulation for the tipplers who pay five cents a drink.

The coroner says that several cases of mysterious death during the past few months have been traced to this cause.

"For ten cents," says the coroner, "a man may go into some of the New York dives and buy enough of this beverage to produce blindness, coma and death. The man who sell it make Lucretia Borgia look like a milk peddler."

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Y. M. C. A.	1,040	Miss Lillian Bannerman	2,652
Miss Thelma Fillyaw	785	Brotherhood Railway Clerks	359
Major Johnson	206	Miss Lydia Davis	240
Miss Fenley, for Hospital	209	Miss Lillian Vaughn	261
Mrs. C. Williams	2,502	W. E. Jays	321
St. John's Sunday School	2,686	Miss Mallie Houston	977
Miss Viola East	311	Fenley Bros.	1,649
D. Hendricks	217	Naval Reserves	206
First Presbyterian S. S.	207		

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SUNDAYS—Leave Lumina at 9:45 10:45 A. M., 12:15, 1:45, 3:15, 3:45, 4:15, 4:45, 5:15, 5:45, 6:25, 6:50, 7:50 and 9:15 P. M.

TO WRIGHTSVILLE.

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SUNDAYS—Leave Front and Princess streets at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:10, 7:10, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:00 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON.

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SUNDAYS—Leave Wrightsville at 9:55, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:25 3:55, 4:25, 4:55, 5:25, 5:55, 6:35, 7:00 8:00, 9:25, 10:25 and 11:25 P. M.

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Lv. Petersburg	10:25 a.m.	10:20 p.m.
Lv. Durham	1:00 a.m.	5:20 p.m.
Lv. Lynchburg	2:30 p.m.	3:13 a.m.
Ar. Cincinnati	7:30 a.m.	7:20 p.m.
Ar. Columbus	6:46 a.m.	7:45 p.m.
Ar. Chicago	5:00 p.m.	7:30 a.m.
Ar. St. Louis	7:28 p.m.	8:20 a.m.

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No. 45—4:50 A. M.—For Hamlet, and Charlotte, connects at Hamlet with No. 66 for Raleigh and points North.

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Trains Arrive at Wilmington

No. 40—1:15 P. M.—From Hamlet.

No. 44—12:20 A. M.—From Charlotte and Hamlet.

No. 45 connects at Hamlet with No. 66 for all points North at Monroe with No. 53 for Atlanta.

No. 39 connects at Hamlet with No. 41 for Atlanta, Birmingham, Memphis and Charlotte, with No. 84 and No. 92 for Washington and New York and Portsmouth, Norfolk and No. 43 for Columbia, Savannah and Jacksonville.

Parlor Car Service will be maintained between Wilmington and Hamlet on No. 39 leaving Wilmington at 3:20 P. M., and No. 40 arriving at Wilmington at 1:15 P. M.

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Atlantic Coast Line

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NOTICE.

The arrivals and departure are given as information, as well as connections with other companies, but arrivals and connections are not guaranteed.

NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48. Daily.	No. 42. Daily
Lv. Wilmington	8:45 am	7:00 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	12:00 pm	9:55 pm
Ar. Wilson	1:00 pm	10:52 pm
Ar. Rocky Mount	1:35 pm	11:30 pm
Ar. Weldon	4:55 pm	2:00 am
Ar. Norfolk	8:55 pm	*8:55 am
Ar. Petersburg	7:05 pm	4:05 am
Ar. Richmond	8:00 pm	4:40 am
Ar. Washington	11:50 pm	8:00 am
Ar. Baltimore	1:20 am	9:16 am
Ar. W. Philadelphia	3:40 am	11:35 pm
Ar. New York	6:30 am	2:00 pm

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41. Daily.	No. 49. Daily.
Lv. New York	3:25 pm	9:25 pm
Lv. W. Philadelphia	5:44 pm	12:19 am
Lv. Baltimore	8:20 pm	2:46 am
Lv. Washington	10:00 pm	4:20 am
Lv. Norfolk	3:20 pm	8:25 am
Lv. Richmond	1:20 am	8:15 am
Lv. Petersburg	1:55 am	9:13 am
Lv. Weldon	3:40 am	11:25 am
Lv. Rocky Mount	5:05 am	12:50 pm
Lv. Wilson	5:49 am	2:09 pm
Lv. Goldsboro	6:25 am	3:05 pm
Ar. Wilmington	9:20 am	6:10 pm

WEST AND SOUTH.

	51.	53	42	via Wilson. 42
Lv. Wilmington	6:00 am	3:30 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm
Ar. Florence	9:25 am	7:25 pm	10:25 pm	4:01 am
Ar. Columbia	1:00 pm	10:45 pm		
Ar. Augusta	3:00 pm			
Ar. Atlanta	8:20 pm			
Ar. Nashville	6:30 am			
Ar. Memphis	3:30 pm			
Ar. Louisville	1:10 pm			
Ar. Cin'ti	4:35 pm			
Ar. Charleston	1:15 pm	11:20 pm	7:05 am	
Ar Savannah	3:55 pm	2:20 am	9:30 am	
Ar. Jacksonville	8:15 pm	7:15 am	1:30 pm	
Ar. Tampa	7:00 am	7:00 pm	10:25 pm	

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Lv. Savannah	11:55 am	12:15 am
Lv. Charleston	4:25 pm	5:10 am
Lv. Columbia	4:25 pm	6:00 am
Lv. Augusta	2:45 pm	
Lv. Florence	8:05 pm	9:25 am
Ar. Wilmington	11:30 pm	1:25 pm

WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

Westbound. 53 Daily.		Eastbound. 52 Daily.
8:40 AM	Lv. Wilmington Ar.	8:05 PM
11:45 AM	Ar. Fayetteville Lv.	4:50 PM
12:10 PM	Lv. Fayetteville Ar.	4:45 PM
1:40 PM	Ar. Sanford Lv.	3:30 PM

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Northbound. 62		Southbound. 63
Daily except Sunday.		
2:25 PM	Lv. Wilmington Ar.	12:50 PM
5:17 PM	Ar. Jacksonville Lv.	10:55 AM
6:44 PM	Ar. N. & S. Jct. Lv.	9:25 AM
6:50 PM	Ar. Newbern Lv.	9:30 AM

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WHAT FORESTS CONTRIBUTED

(Continued From Page 9.)

tine and rosin), so important a branch of exports during colonial times, still swell the volume of our forest exports to an extent not generally appreciated. Representing something over a third of the total in 1851-1856, they fell to less than one-tenth during the Civil war, but since that time have averaged just about one-fourth of the exports of forest products. The expansion in this exports of naval stores from forests of the Southern States has been, in point of value, just about equal to the increase of exports furnished by logging camps throughout the whole country.

Except for the war prices of the early sixties, both rosin and spirits of turpentine attained their highest export price in 1907, while the lowest level was reached late in the nineties. The export price of rosin rose from $2.41 a barrel in 1855 to $14.71 in 1864, then fell as low as $1.46 in 1899, to rise again to $4.42 in 1907. Similarly, spirits of turpentine brought 40 cents a gallon in 1851, over $2 a gallon in 1864, less than 25 cents in 1897, and 65 cents in 1907.

It is interesting to note the rapid increase that marks the imports of wood pulp. This product had a value of only $5,000 in 1880, the first year for which it is separately recorded. By 1890 it had increased to $1,800,000, by 1900 to $2,400,000, and in 1908 to over $7,000,000. In quantity the average imports between 1880 and 1890 were much below one pound per capita. In 1908 more than six pounds per capita was imported. In 1898 the import price of wood pulp was $20 per long ton; in 1908 it was $31, an increase of more than 50 per cent. in ten years. The exports of wood pulp are comparatively small and appear to be decreasing.

"ENUMERATORS' TEST" EASY.

Applications Must be Filed With Supervisors Before January 25th.

Washington, Jan. 1.—By January 25 all applications for positions of enumerators in the 13th Decennial United States Census must be filed with the supervisors of census for the supervisors' districts in which the applicants reside. Between that date and February 5 the supervisors will send out cards to applicants informing them where they are to report for the "test" to be held in every one of the 330 supervisors' districts on February 5 only.

Census Director Durand emphatically states that persons desiring to hold such positions should not stand in fear of the "test" to be made. Any person of average public school education who can write plainly and reasonably fast will go through the "test" with "colors flying." In fact, the "test" is intended simply to help the supervisors pick suitable persons and to enable the Director of the Census to exercise intelligently his power of approval of those whom the supervisors designate for appointment.

It will involve the filling in of either a sample population schedule, by those who will make the count in the cities, or of both a sample population and agricultural schedule, by candidates who will enumerate the country.

To prepare the way and to insure every applicant being given a fair chance, the supervisors will send in advance to each and every candidate a set of printed instructions for filling in these sample schedules.

"We consider that a very important point," said Acting Census Director Willoughby today, "not only in treating these candidates fairly and giving them a chance to answer the questions properly, but also as a means of education of the candidates who are afterwards to be appointed

"They will study more thoroughly the instructions for filling in these schedules if they realize their chances of appointment depend upon that study than if they were appointed first and had to do the studying afterwards. You will see, therefore, that this test is not an appalling thing. It is not for the purpose of keeping people out of the places. It is applied simply to enable the director to eliminate those who are plainly incompetent. Any person of good judgment and ordinary common school education—for the work requires some little thinking power—can easily pass the test."

Between February 5 and February 22 the supervisors will go through the "test" papers, satisfy themselves as the qualifications of those who have passed, and make their designations or recommendations to the Census Director. The next step will be the director's approval, and then the supervisors will issue the commissions to the enumerators.

Director Durand expects to have the army of 67,000 or more enumerators picked, tested, designated, and commissioned by the middle or latter part of March. From then on until April 15, the supervisors will send the enumerators circulars and books of instructions concerning the meaning of the schedule questions and the way the enumerators should write in the answers obtained from the people of the country.

It is very probable that census special agents may be assigned to certain supervisors' districts for the purpose of meeting the enumerators personally and giving them additional information concerning the chaarcter of their duties.

Application forms, with complete directions concerning the method of preparing them, can be secured by writing at once to the supervisor named in the list appended whose district embraces the place of residence of the applicant.

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ALL RECORDS BROKEN.

Sales of Craddock-Terry Co., Pass the Three-Million Dollar Mark.

For some time past it has been evident to the Craddock-Terry Company and their employes that the high-watermark sales of three million dollars for this year would be gained and passed before the end of the month. Monday it was known to all that the breaking of the record was near at hand, and the office employes were prepared for the announcement which was made shortly after 10 o'clock, that "the flag had been nailed to the North Pole," or, in more reliable language, that the firm had then passed the $3,000,000 mark. Of all the horn-blowing and bell-ringing and cheering ever heard on lower Ninth street the celebration which followed for a few minutes was the liveliest. Every one in the office wore a smile that wouldn't come off and felt personally that it was something of which to be justly proud, an achievement which no Southern jobber or manufacturer of shoes has ever attained, and for which each from the president to the office boy had been striving.

Mr. Charles G. Craddock, the sales manager of the concern, in commenting on the event, said that of the goods sold which helped to make up this sum, 1,296,000 pairs of shoes had been made in the companies factories here, which had run on full time during the whole year. Over $2,000 had been paid to their employes every day in the year, or over $250 for every working hour. One hundred and fifty thousand dollars in salaries was paid to traveling men and representatives during the year. The actual amount paid out in Lynchburg was $651,000, a sum greater than the total revenue of the city government, which is estimated to be $516,390 for 1909.

It was stated that for three years the company had been aiming at the three million dollar mark in sales. It could have been reached in 1907 had not the panic of that year and the industrial depression of the following year interfered. Mr. Craddock stated that now that this mark was passed, the future increases of the company would be stated in millions, not thousands of dollars.

The significance of this event is such that it marks an era in Southern shoe manufacturing and distribution. Today no shoe concern in Philadelphia, for example, one of the oldest shoe markets in the country, sells more than a half of the amount sold by one company alone in Lynchburg, although Philadelphia shoe distributing and manufacturing firms had been established before the founders of Lynchburg shoe concerns were born. This one Lynchburg firm, the Craddock-Terry Company, moreover, has reached a point where it alone manufactured more shoes than were manufactured in the sixteen largest cities of the South combined, as follows: Richmond, Petersburg, Roanoke, Norfolk, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Nashville, Atlanta, Augusta, Savannah, Charleston, Birmingham, Mobile, Montgomery, Jacksonville, and New Orleans.

The company has been pursuing a large publicity policy during the past year in an advertising campaign in over 100 Southern papers by which it is estimated that the eyes of the consuming public will be reached during the coming year something like 40,000,000 times.

ASSESSMENT OF CITY PROPERTY.

U. S. Census Bur au Bulletin Gives Interesting Comparisons for 1907.

Washington, Jan. 1.—The assessed valuation of property, the basis of assessment, and the taxes levied in 158 cities in the United States which, in 1907, had an estimated population of over 30,000 each, are considered in United States Census Bulletin 105, prepared by Division Chief E. H. Maling, unde rthe supervision of Dr. Le Grand Powers, chief statistician in charge of the official statistics of cities, who will refer it to Director Durand.

The bulletin states that the assessed valuation of property in a city bears a close relation to indebtedness, and comparisons between the indebtedness of different cities in the same State based on assessed valuation are often more accurate than those based on population. Such a comparison between cities of different States is not practicable, however, owing in large measure to a difference in methods and bases of assessment.

In many cities it is the practice to assess property at a fractional part of its value instead of its true value, and it is believed that the true value of property that may be deduced from such fractional values is not comparable with values obtained in other cities where the basis of assessment is 100 per cent.

The values of personal property vary from less than one-sixth of 1 per cent. of the value of real property in Philadelphia to more than 50 per cent. of the value of real property in Omaha. These differences are due partly to different bases of valuation and partly to differences in the classes of personal property subject to city taxation.

Nearly two-thirds of the net debt of the 158 cities is charged against the 15 cities of over 300,000 population, and the same cities showed approximately the same proportion of the assessed valuation of property.

The largest per capita net debt is credited to New York City, but Boston had the largest per capita assessed valuation of property, although it had the third largest per capita net debt. The assessment in both cities was reported to be on a 100 per cent. basis, but the bulletin states that it is doubtful if a close comparison of debt to assessed valuation is justified. Another city with a comparatively high per capita net indebtedness was Newton, Mass., but the large per capita assessed valuation of property for this city $1,771.21) suggests that the debt when compared with the city's wealth is not excessively great.

The taxes levied in the different cities exhibited more uniformity than did the amounts representing assessed valuation, but there were notable exceptions. Boston, as compared with St. Louis, levied nearly double the amount of the latter and larger city, while Baltimore levied a smaller tax than Pittsburg, which is a smaller city. In comparing tax levies, the bulletin says it must be remembered that some cities levy special assessment against abutting property to meet the cost of street pavements and other improvements, while other cities meet the full cost of all improvements from general property taxes.

FOOD VALUE OF OYSTERS.

Gen. W. A. Jones Believes Them "Cheap and Very Filling."

Gen. W. A. Jones, of Fowling Point, Nassawadox, Va., well known as an oyster planter, has been making a study of the food value of oysters and discussed the subject while in Baltimore recently. He said:

"The value of oysters as food is not so much a question of their chemical constitution in relation to the quantity of latent energy in them as that of the proportion of that energy which is profitably assimilated by the human body in the ordinary process of digestion. An equally important factor is the pleasure and comfort arising from eating the product. If we measure food value solely by the chemical standard, we find fat pork to be the most valuable of foods. There is a definite and widespread impression that oysters are more expensive than the ordinary flesh and fish articles of food on the market—so much so as to place them highly in the class of table luxuries. There is a fundamental error in this conception. One gallon of shucked oysters or clams weighs about ten pounds, every bit of which is available as food. There is absolutely no refuse in what the consumer buys—no bones, no feathers, no fins, nor scales, nor waste of any kind. So if we are going to compare the cost of shucked oysters and clams with that of beef, mutton, chicken and fish, we want to place the cost of one pound alongside that of one pound of meat, poultry or fish after the refuse has been taken from them.

"The following facts and figures have been determined with considerable precision by the experts of the Agricultural Department and published in The Farmers' Bulletins:

"The average quantity of refuse in beef, mutton and veal is 20 per cent. If we assume the average cost to the consumer as 24 cents a pound, then the cost without the refuse is 30 cents a pound. In the case of chickens the refuse is 26.6 per cent. If we assume the average cost to the consumer as 25 cents a pound, then the cost without the refuse is 36.6 cents a pound. In the case of fish the quantity of refuse is 50 per cent., which makes the consumer pay 30 cents a pound without refuse when the average price a pound is 15 cents. The average cost of eggs to the consumer in the great cities of the East is about 24 cents a dozen, and a dozen weigh about one pound. The refuse is 12 per cent. So here is the relative cost a pound to the consumer for what he really consumes: Chickens, 35.6 cents; eggs, 34 cents; beef, veal and mutton, 30 cents; fresh fish, 30 cents; shucked oysters and clams, 12 cents. In the case of extra large sizes of oysters graded as counts and selects, the cost is 16 cents a pound.

"Here is another aspect of the subject: At the restaurant and public places the average of an oyster stew of a doubtful dozen is about 30 cents. Now, one quart of oysters has from eighty to ninety oysters in it, so the householder can buy one dozen oysters for less than five cents.—Baltimore Sun.

RAILROAD STARTS A FARM.

Pennsylvania Lines to Teach Scientific Farming.

The announcement that an experimental farm is to be established at Bason, Del., by the Pennsylvania Railroad for the benefit of the farmers of the Delaware peninsula, extending through the States of Delaware, Maryland and Virginia, is an item of the utmost importance not only to the agriculturists of the eastern shore, but to the farming and transportation interests of the entire country and to the public generally. President Jas. McCrea, always attentive and widely active in promoting the production of tonnage and the creation of traffic for the great system committed to his care, it is said, visited this peninsula, generally known as the eastern shore, and noticed but about one-half of the acreage was under cultivation and knew that the cities of the country were pressing in their demands for greater supplies of the very articles these idle acres would profitably produce.

The land for this experimental and educational farm has been purchased by the railroad company and a superintendent of ability has been appointed who will demonstrate the latest and best methods of cultivation for the farmers of the peninsula.

With a present population of nearly 300,000 people it is deemed possible to double it in a few years through improving the productive qualities of the soil and the great profits to be derived from the improved cultivation. The railway company is setting an example to all the other railway lines of the country and through its facilities for inducing a more dense population in the farming sections it builds up its own traffic and renders a most important and valuable service to the country in thus lessening the congestion of population in the cities and providing additional food products for those who dwell in them.

There are probably fair profits to railway trunk lines in transporting settlers from the eastern coast to the far West, but if those thus transported were profitably employed on the lands adjacent to the lines which transport them the profits from their labor to the railways which carry them away would be a thousand per cent. greater in the course of five years. Another home established in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana, another fifty acres of land put under cultivation in either of the three States is far better for the railways of those States than the mere transportation of 100 persons to the far western country

The Eastern and Middle Western States possess uncultivated lands today that could yield profit to 10,000,000 more farmers, and the productions of those lands would furnish the railway companies of the sections named with millions of tons of additional freight. Well done, Pennsylvania railroad! Let the good work be extended all along the lines.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

As One Grows Old

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NOTICE.

State of North Carolina, New Hanover County. Lena Hill, Thomas Hill and Nancy Wilson, vs. Sarah Hill, Maggie Hill and Josie Hill.

The defendants above named will take notice that a special proceeding, as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of New Hanover County, before the Clerk, for partition and division of a certain parcel of land situate in the City of Wilmington and County of New Hanover, same being the western part of Lot No 5 in Block No. 240, according to the official plan of the said City of Wilmington; and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Hanover County, on the 21st. day of January 1910, at the Court House of said County, and answer the petition of the plaintiffs in said action, or the relief therein demanded will be granted.

Witness my hand this 18th day of December 1909.

JOHN D. TAYLOR,
Clerk of the Superior Court.
W. N. HARRISS,
de 18 1 aw 4 w su. Deputy.

ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE.

Having duly qualified as Administrator of the Estate of N. F. Parker, late of Brunswick County, this is to notify all creditors to present their accounts to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before the 26th day of November, 1910, or this notice will be plead to bar recovery. All parties indebted to said Estate will make immediate payment to me. This notice applies to all purchases made by my decedent for the Southport Supply Company of which he was sole proprietor.

This 5th day of December, 1909.

ANNIE PARKER,
Administratrix N. F. Parker,
Southport, N. C.
Cranmer & Davis, Attorneys.
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